

# PM, Arafat trade accusations DAVID MAKOVSKY and JON IMMANUEL

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat traded charges yesterday that the other side was dragging its feet on a Hebron deal.

Speaking to journalists at the unnual editors luncheon at Tel Aviv's Beit Sokolov marking the UN November 29, 1947 partition ote, Netanyahu noted the negotiitions had progressed little over he past month.

"It is becoming increasingly clear to us that, despite the fact that the gaps are not wide, the Palestinians have not taken a decision to complete the matter of Hebron.

"It is true that in the last few days there have been proposals, including ours, which are consistent with our main interests, but which give room to the other side. However, I am sorry to say that those proposals have so far not yielded the desirable results from the Palestinian side," said Netanyahu.

Aides to Netanyahu insist that Israel has been willing to use existing language in the Oslo 2 agreement, without adding explicit new language about the freedom of movement, so long as it attains the same result. The Palestinians continue to reject the idea of IDF, freedom of movement, the socalled hot-pursuit issue.

Arafat yesterday rejected Israel's latest offer in the Hebron talks and called for arbitration by the US and Russia. Speaking at a press conference in Jericho after hosting Jordanian Prime Minister Abdel-Karim Kabariti, Arafat said, "It is clear and obvious that the Israelis are insisting to change until today the implementation of what has been agreed upo ..." He denied that Israel had nade any concessions in the pastiew days. We are calling for international

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Labor chairman Shimon Peres and leadership hopeful Ehud Barak shake hands yesterday at the central committee meeting. (Israel Sun)

### The Labor Party's compromise agreement MICHAL YUDELMAN THE main elements of the compro-

mise agreement adopted by Labor's committee yesterday whether the primaries will be open to all or closed, with only party The party convention will be held members allowed to vote. in January with the incumbent dele-· A new convention will be congaies to decide on procedures for the

vened in May, to debate ideological and national issues on the agenda. and proposals for structural changes in the party.

 The leadership showdown will take place on June 3. · Peres will remain Labor's senior minister until September, should the

possibility of a national unity government arise. In case of a unity government, Peres will conduct the negotiations

and decide on the Labor ministers who will join it, even if a new party leader has already been elected. Should this happen after June 3, Peres will conduct the moves for joining the unity government in coordination with the new party leader.

# showdown set for June MICHAL YUDELMAN THE Labor Party's central committee yesterday approved a compromise proposal by party leader MK. Shimon Peres and MK Ehud Barak to elect its new chairman and candidate for prime minister next June 3. This will occur a few weeks after

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the party convention, which will elect new delegates and institutions. The proposal was approved with only two votes against.

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Barak, who won his demand to hold the leadership showdown next summer, said, "I'd rather not talk in terms of winners and losers. Labor today took the first step on the way to renewal and concentrating on our real rival, which is the Likud and its government."

The pact between Peres and Barak includes a "gentlemen's agreement" - which does not appear in the writ-ten document - that if a national unity government is formed in 1997, Peres will handle the negotiations for setting it up and be Labor's senior minister in it.

which was not brought for the com-mittee's approval, Barak said, "I think it worthy and right that the most experienced man in Israel at leading a state, much more than Minlster Prime Binyamin Netanyahu, should be the one to deal with setting up a unity government and choosing the ministers in it, if such a possibility occurs."

He stressed, bowever, that any move to form a unity government would be made in coordination and agreement with the elected chairman of the party.

Contrary to expectations of a stormy confrontation among Barak, Peres and "the rest of the world," as it was referred to in Labor, the gath-

ering was orderly and even disap-pointingly calm to many committee members. The compromise reached a few hours earlier between Percs and Barak, which MKs Haim Ramon, Efraim Sneh, Uzi Baram and other party leaders supported, removed the threat of a blow-up from the meeting.

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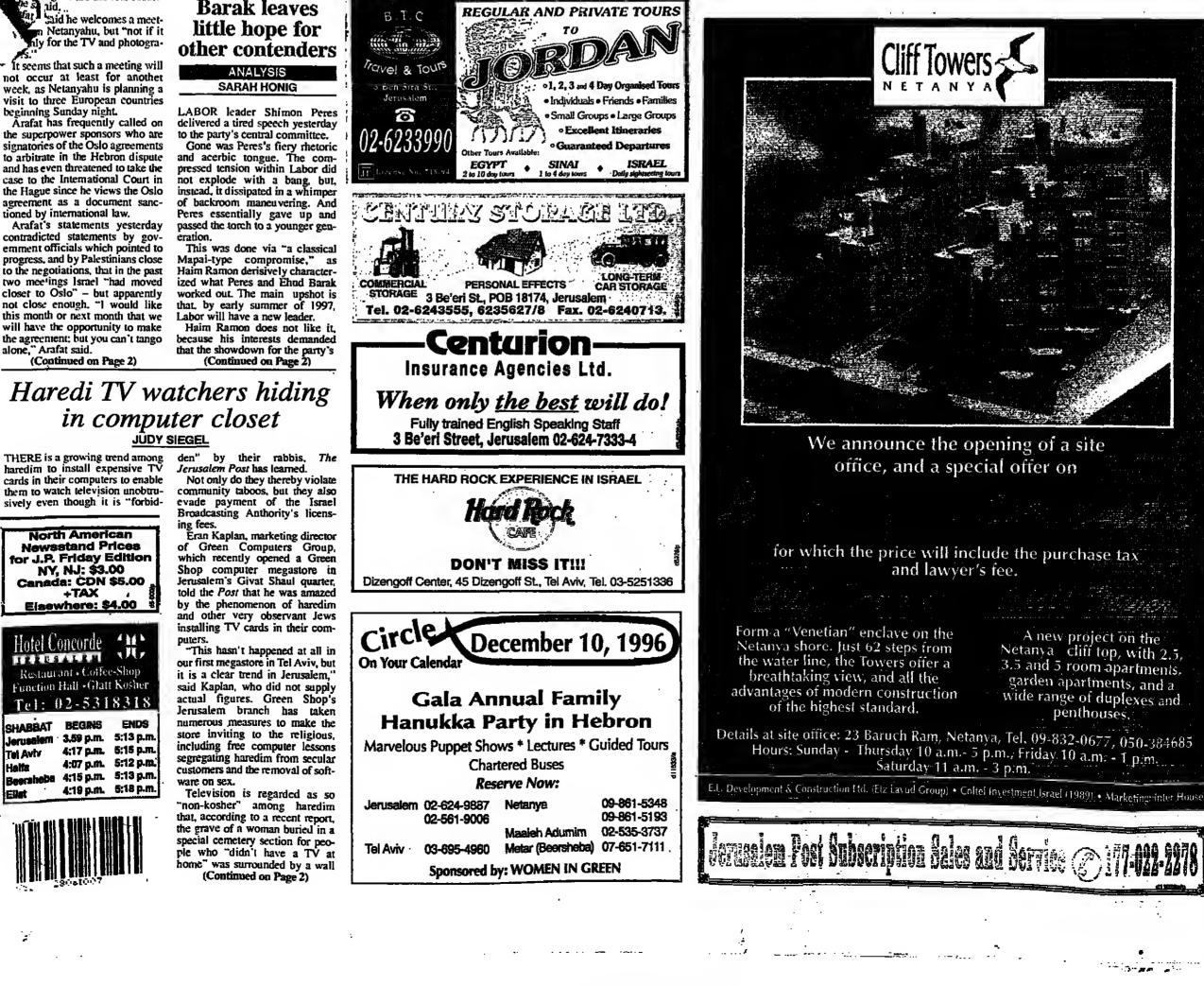
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Yesterday's meeting was a landmark in Peres's political career. Enveloped by the love of the committee members, who greeted him with stormy applause, Peres promised to support whoever is elected party leader instead of him. This is my duty and right and I will pray he wins and do everything I can to support him," he said, to more applause.

After humorously apologizing for not delivering the drama the committee members had expected, Peres embarked on a speech explaining the technical aspects of the compromise as the best democratic choice. Peres stressed that Labor must strive towards a national unity govemment in 1997, to prevent reaching "such an awful situation that I dare not even describe the year 2000. We must make a supreme effort in 1997 to stop the deterioration. We must return to the course of making peace, not to the present

course of talking about it." The compromise agreement was reached around lunchtime after feverish meetings and consultations in Labor's rival camps. Giora Einy, who served as mediator between Peres and Barak, handed Peres a written proposal by Barak. Peres called MK Moshe Shahal for legal

advice, and Shahal updated MKs Yossi Beilin and Haim Ramon. (Continued on Page 2)



## NEWS

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A loss for

national unity

DAVID MAKOVSKY

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# Seven more settlers' groups said to be meeting with Arafat

AT least seven different groups of settlers are in the process of holding talks with Yasser Arafat or his advisers, according to one of the participants in Tuesday night's meeting with Arafat.

The participant, who did not want to identify himself because he said this would jeopardize the talks, said he has himself met with Arafat on four different occasions.

The source said that the talks are centering on business deals, but are also dealing with other issues, such as overall cooperation between settlers and Palestinians. He said European Community economic cooperation for joint business deals is one of the issues on the table.

The source would neither confirm or deny that one of the joint ventures being discussed is a soft drink plant in

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Prisons Service denies PM moved Federman THE Prisons Service denied yesterday that administrative detainee Noam Federman was transferred from Ashmorei prison because of orders by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Federman, who was placed in administrative detention at the beginning of the month, was transferred to the low security Eyal facility.

Following a petition to the High Court of Justice this week, the court gave the state seven days to justify Federman's detention. Former Kach spokesman Federman, the first Jewish resident of Hebron placed under administrative detention, launched a hunger strike following his incarceration and refused to obey prison rules. He complained that he was held with drug addicts and AIDS carriers. Raine Marcus

### IDF: Od Yosef Hai yeshiva to reopen

The IDF announced yesterday that it will completely reopen the Od Yosef Hai yeshiva located in the compound housing Joseph's Tomb in Nablus, on Sunday.

The yeshiva, which its heads say has some 70 students, was closed after the violence in September when six soldiers were killed in fighting around the compound, and when much of the yeshiva was burned by rioters. The IDF currently allows 10 students in the yeshiva every day, and they are shuttled there under heavy IDF security. Herb Keinon

Dummy bomb found in Bloomfield Stadium A dummy explosive charge was found yesterday afternoon at Bloomfield Stadium in Jaffa. It was blown up by police sappers. Police believe it was planted by a Hapoel Tel Aviv fan who might have wanted to threaten manager Moshe Sinai. Sinai's life has been threatened and a dummy charge was placed near the team's dressing rooms a few days ago. Itim

Burial next to non-Jewish spouses OK'd The Chief Rabbinate has decided that Jews may be buried alongside their non-Jewish spouses in sections of cemeteries for gentiles that are to be set up around the country The decision was sent to Yisrael Ba'aliya MK Natan Sharansky in

a letter from Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau.

"In the event of a mixed marriage involving a Jewish man or woman, or non-Jewish man or woman, the Jew must be buried according to Jewish law," the letter said. "However, if the deceased asks to be buried next to his non-Jewish spouse, he ringy be burled in the non-Jewish section." Such a request must be made by the person in writing before he dies, the Chief Rabbinate said in

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#### Hebron.

He said that talks between settlers and Palestinian Authority officials were held yesterday, and are scheduled to be held today as well. He would not give details.

He said that some settlers are trying to meet in Jordan with "people we are not supposed to meet with." The source blasted the widespread condemnation these talks have received from the settlement establishment, saying that Arafat - by meeting with the settlers - has essentially recognized the settlers rights to live in the teoritories. "It is time to build a new conception," he said.

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that she in fact had a TV set. Not

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The Green Shop sells a variety

of TV cards for computers, which

cost from NIS 499 to NIS 1,169.

These convert the computer mon-

itor into a color TV set, with the

most expensive models offering

hyperband, remote control and

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connect the computer/TV to a

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Avi Katz, director of the IBA's

fee-collection branch, told the

Post he was completely unaware

of the phenomenon, and would

look into it immediately. Existing

laws require owners only of "TV

set receivers" to pay the annual licensing fee, which costs hun-

dreds of shekels a year; the word-

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Katz strongly rejected the notion that a flat tax be added on

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But Yechiel Leiter, a spokesman for the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, said that the settlers, "by going to beg to Arafat, make Arafat appear as the victor, and we the conquered asking for mercy, putting our-selves as his dependents." This is all part of "Arafat's would-be conversion," Leiter said. "He wants to come across as the grand peace maker, willing to meet everyone. He needs this for his image. Along come Jews who need to be stroked by a murderer, and he can come across as a magnanimous peace maker, someone willing to sit with his mortal enemy. One has to wonder about the seemingly pathological need for some lews to prostrate themselves in front of those who wish them ill, and have spent a lifetime trying to harm them."

Three killed, 18 hurt in traffic accidents

THREE people were killed and 18 injured in traffic accidents in the past two days.

Miriam Fernheimer, 78, of Ness Ziona, was killed and two people were lightly injured in an accident on Sderot Rokach in Tel Aviv yesterday, when two vehicles collided. The accident occurred when another driver swerved to avoid hitting a bicyclist and hit the vehicle Fernheimer was riding in, driven by her son. The two drivers were lightly injured. Shakib Ambar, 62, of Rama village in the Western Galilee was killed yesterday afternoon when the tractor he was driving overturned in an olive grove.

Peres steps down. Jamal Attalah, 35, died yesterday of injuries suffered in an accident Likud who fear that a unity govern-ment co-headed by Peres will mean Wednesday evening when his car collided with a truck. A passenger in the car was seriously burt and two people in the truck were lightly two separate foreign policies in dealing with the Arabs. There are injured.

A mother and her two children, aged six and seven, were seriously burt resterday in an accident on the Ramle-Nachshon road, near Karmei Yosef, when the car crashed into a tree.

Ten people were lightly injured in an accident at the Shoket Junction in the Negev that occurred when the driver of a minibus failed to heed a yield sign and crashed into a truck. (Itim)

## LABOR

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would have to be amended by the According to the final version, Knesset if owners of computers Labor's convention will be held in with piped-in TV broadcasts are January to decide on procedures for the primaries, then a new conven-Katz denied a statement made tion to elect delegates to party instito a Knesset committee recently tutions and debate party ideology that "half of all TV owners" evade will convene in May, a month before the leadership showdown. "A majority pay," he said, but he would not provide figures. No one was completely satisfied

with the compromise, although each side could claim an achievement on the issues it considered most important. Peres won an Insurance Institute deductions extension to remain party leader until the middle of September 1997, with the possibility of participating in a national unity government, the NII made redundant hundreds while Barak got the party to agree on having the leadership showof health fund fee collectors." down when he wants it.

Ramon criticized the agreement, calling it a "Mapainik compromise without the Mapainik wisdom. The

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# ACCUSATIONS

(Continued from Page 1) Kabariti, on his second visit to Authority

YESTERDAY'S Labor compro- enters the most critical set of mise will be touted as a victory for party unity, but more importantly. it is a defeat for national unity.

The "gentleman's agreement" herween Shimon Peres and Ehud should not be allowed to block -Barak will make the possibility of deal. Even rightist critics such 45 .30 a national unity government more MK Uzi Landau say that a nationdistant. Barak says the verbal al unity government is critical. agreement with Peres ensures that although they view it as a political Peres will remain the senior Labor official in any unity government formed until the end of next year. Peres has been holding on to power in the hope that a unity government would be formed and he would be able to contribute his

only seems to ensure the reverse:

distrust between the Likud and

After yesterday's compromise, senior Likud aides now tentatively

suggest that a unity government

will have to wait until 1998, after

There are too many people in the

also too many people in the Likud

who say they will never forgive

Peres for going behind Yitzhak Shamir's back in 1987 in reaching

and others note how Peres circum-

vented Yitzhak Rabin during the

early stages of the Oslo agreement.

as Peres heads Labor, there is little

hope for progress on the peace

front since its success is tied to a

unity government. Indeed, so long

as there is no unity government, it

is doubtful that final status talks

with the Palestinians can begin in

Netanyahu reiterated yesterday his

view that broad national agree-

ment will help Israel muster the

Prime

Minister Binyamin

It is terribly ironic, but so long

the so-called "London agreement,"

Peres is too great.

cover in the event that talks fail. without a national unity govern-ment, the peace process can be expected to do little more than mark time until the end of 1997. It can carry out the first two of the scheduled three pullbacks, which soday are called for in the Oslo 2 agree. Earth expertise in determining the final disposition of the territories. However, Peres's holding on

00:00 ment The scope of the first two pull port backs are unspecified, and hence namely that such a government will not be established because the can be tiny. However, with the third pullback, which is supposed 6:30 to occur by next September olitics Israel's presence in the territories Sport is to be reduced only to settle- 3:30 ments and "specified military A locations."

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At this point, the Netanyahu government would face a no-win situation: it either loses much of its territorial leverage before talks are supposed to center on Jerusalem and related topics (and be concluded by 1999), or risks strife that would make the Western Wall Tunnel incident aftermath look like child's play.

Peres feels that Netanyahu cannot afford to face the crucial third pullback alone, due to its momentous nature. He therefore expects a national unity government to be formed well before that date.

The growing political consensus is that Israel would be far better off reaching a package deal on all final status issues now by skipping the debilitating interim stages. which seem more like salami tactics. Therefore, a unity government is better sooner than later. Unfortunately, this idea was dealt a blow yesterday, as it put the country second to massaging political resolve needed once it Peres's hurt feelings.

in a broad coalition headed by

Binyamin Netanyahu. This would

theoretically enable Peres to

appoint the other Labor ministers

Because- this remains Peres's

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(Continued from Page 1) primacy take place as late as possible. He counted on Peres to put spokes in Barak's wheels. The Mapai-tike solution means

Peres" priority in case of a unity. government does not appear in the that control of those spokes essenagreement and therefore binds no tially was taken out of Peres's one but Barak - and Barak could hands, giving Barak a giant legup to the number-one position to the detriment of all other would-be Labor leaders like Ramoo, Ephraim Soeh and perhans Uzi Baram.

sole hope now, he can be contrad on to lobby hard for a national unity coalition and, indexid in recent days he has alread by been making his advocacy of 1 such and coalition far more explored.

set out to block Barak, but he

could not take a chance on being

uncompromising. Barak could.

So, with nothing to lose, Barak

adopted a tough bargaining pos-

ture. Peres had a reputation of

winning all showdowns in the

central committee, but Barak

could live with a beating just as

Yitzhak Rabin did in 1991 - only

to beat Peres in the 1992 pri-

maries. Peres, however, could

take no chance on a humiliating

That would have been an igno-

minious end to his long career and

would have forever closed off any

crack of an opportunity to lead

Labor again even in the short run.

crack open. Not mentioned in its

text but in an informal gentleman-

ly agreement was a deal whereby

Peres would be the senior Labor

representative in any national

unity government that may be

formed, though he would conduct

the negotiations for entry into

such a government along with

whoever the party chooses to lead it. This conceivably could offer

Barak - should he win - a veto

But in theory, at least, Peres can entertain the slim hope that he

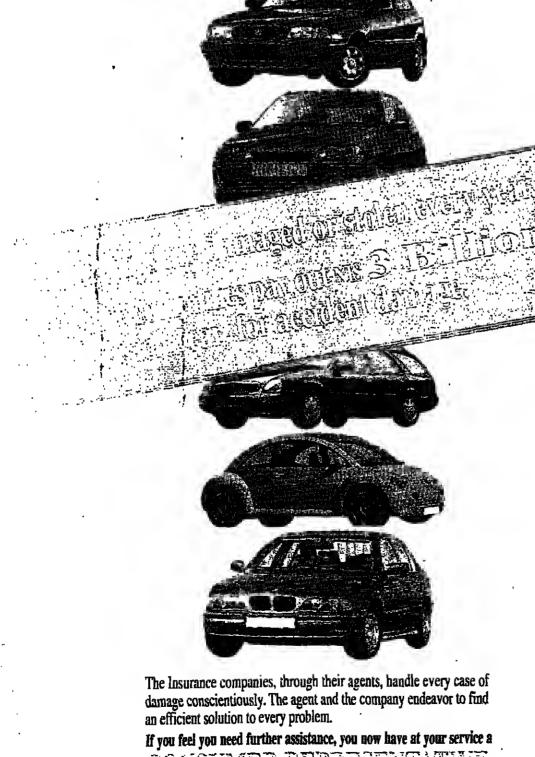
could become the top Labor man

The compromise does leave that

defeat in the central committee.

Netanyahu's good will and oin

Peres was fighting the new generation's war, by proxy when he



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the that Jordan supports Palestinian position on the matter of hot pursuit in Hebron or other Palestinian towns. "Talking about returning and talking about threats - these kinds of statements will only serve as a recipe for disaster," Kabariti said.

compromise is more idiotic than

right. They took the worst parts

from each side's proposal and made

a concoction which doesn't answer

the central issue: how the party will

Ramon said he would decide

whether to contend for the party

leadership after the January con-

vention, depending on whether the

leadership is determined by open or

closed primaries. He warned that,

should the primaries he closed, "I

Beilin said the compromise "is

not very intelligent, but I'm glad an

agreement was found to prevent a

confrontation." He noted that the

gentlemen's agreement" about

will want no part of it."

get out of it if he wants to.

prepare itself for the main battle."

The government has accepted that it has no more rights to hot pursuit in Hebron than in other Palestinian towns, and is now willing to leave the wording of the Oslo agreement on this matter as it is, if the Hebron guidelines include a reference to it. However, the public airing of the issue has enraged Arafat, who now wants to clarify publicly that he will not permit the IDF's return to Palestinian-controlled territory. King Hussein of Jordan visited Jericho last month and strongly supported Arafat's position, including his demand for a Palestinian state. In recent days Arafat has threatened to declare a Palestinian state in two years and Yasser Abed-Rabbo PA Information Minister warned of 'total confrontation."

Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo also met yesterday with Arafat in Jericho and discussed the state of negotiations on the IDF redeployment in Hebron.

An evening in memory of

Rabbi CHAIM PEARL 5mt

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will take place on Wednesday evening, December 4, 1996 (eve of 24 Kislev 5757), at the Ramot Zion Synagogue, 68 Rehov Bar Kochba, French Hill, Jerusalem.

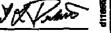
## THANK YOU NEW YORK TIMES

for your wonderfully caustic and critical article about my efforts on the Internet to disseminate information on the conspiracy to kill Yitzhak Rabin. There is no greater compliment an artist can receive than such attention from his critics. If anyone would like to have a copy of the article that I have been sending around the world on the Internet please send NIS 15 or US \$5, and specify language preference.

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CORRECTION Tomorrow's concert at the Abu Ghosb church features Russian liturgical songs performed by the Musica Eterna octet, and not as

listed in yesterday's paper.

circumstances beyond the police cians' immediate control. Some political observers say it

would take a major catastrophe for Netanyahu to withdraw positions and clout from his coalition partners and hand these over to Labor. Others say that even dissension over the budget could get Netanyahu to put the small coalition partners in their place.

Yet another school of thought is that Netanyahu would be eager to put Peres in the limelight and ban Barak to the shadows. However, Netanyahu could not keep Barak from winning the Labor leadership, and belittling him may do no good. Moreover, alienating the small parties could do Netanyahu much harm when the next elections role round and he has to seek the votes of their supporters in the personal contest for the premiership. So it is far from clear if Peres

will ever get to realize, the sliver of a dream he was left with yesterday. But at least be had some kind of an achievement - a facesaving exit.

Barak came out the winner from yesterday's compromise. The other runners in the Labor race have nothing to console them.

# Schoolchildren collect rice

for Rwanda Sixty tons of rice collected by schoolchildren for Rwanda will be presented in a ceremony tomorrow night at the Yakhin factory in Petah Tikva attended by Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and the Rwandan ambassador. Jerusalem Post Staff

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A Son. Nethan Zalman Pilcer to Mitch & A Son, Nethan Zairian Pricer to Mitch & Suzy Pilcer of Moshav Zippori, on November 16, 1996. Grandson to Ben & Lasha Pilcer, New York and Martin & Marisse Zerobuich Jetusalem.

# OBITUARY

BEATRICE ANN BERMAN Two years have passed and we deeply mourn our beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Grieving husband Harry, loving children and grandchildren.

NEWS



One of some 250 billboards pnt up across the country show US President Bill Clinton supposedly recommending Chrysler cars. The Hebrew text says 'The problem with other American cars is that they are not Chrysler.' US officials said they were not happy with the ads, but were not sure if there was a way of legally blocking the use of the US president's image in advertising.

# Clinton's car-hawking days are over

TWO weeks of President Clinton selling cars was apparently enough for Israel.

The local Chrysler dealership wrapped up a two-week advertising campaign last night that had featured Clinton's face on 250 billboards across the coun-

"The only problem with other American cars is that they're not Chrysler," Clinton is portrayed as saying on billboards.

The dealership - Antomotive Equipment Ltd. - and the Dahaf ad agency said the decision to take down the ads, intended to capitalize on the momentum of Clinton's election victory, had nothing to do with US officials'

unhappiness with the unauthorized use of Clinton's picture.

Mordechai Kalir, vice president of marketing at the dealership, said the campaign had always been intended to end after two weeks. He said he had assumed the ad agency had gotten permis-sion from the White House to use

the picture. White House spokesman Barry Toiz, however, said "use of the president's image for commercial purposes is very much discour-aged" and added that the issue would be referred to the White House legal office.

Richard Scorza, spokesman for the US Embassy in Tel Aviv, said the ads "went beyond the bounds of propriety." Dahaf maintained it had done

nothing wrong. "He's a public official. Public images, there's no problem using them," said Orna Degani, the account executive for Chryaler. Besides, she said, "It's favor-able because be's promoting

American industry." Polls show Clinton is one of the most popular politicians among Israelis. Bnt Degani said the agency was prepared even if Clinton had lost the election. "There were two ads," she said. "One with Clinton and one with

Dole.'

Netanyahu has recently blast-(AP)

## ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

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forecast GNP and the total cost

of defense to the economy was

spending has decreased slightly

at a time of peace-making with

the Arabs. But its proportional bite out of the GNP has dramat-

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great expansion of the Israeli economy which has increased

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the future. This was due to a

running assessment that war was

not likely to break out in the

near future. With this concept in

mind, the IDF was given the go-

ahead to invest in long-range

defense huilding and shifted

funds to R&D.

In absolute terms, military

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Netanyahu: Defense

budget needs increase

to help attain peace

national strategic doctrine and increase its defense budget, maybe even linking it to the gross nationtive to security. He said yesteral product, in order to protect day the erosion in defense funditself, Prime Minister Binyamin ing had to be reversed to increase national security. Netanyahu said yesterday. Israel's NIS 30 billion defense

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"I think we'll need ... to allocate more money - maybe in terms of the percentage of the GNP - to the defense establishment until we reach the defense and security levels that I view as necessary both to attain peace and preserve it," Netanyahu told journalists in Tel Aviv.

ISRAEL needs to change its

The IDF has already shuffled its funds to purchase hundreds of millions of shekels of materiel and increase training in light of the revised assessment that war with Syria was now a possibility. The funds were to come at the expense of acquisitions.

Netanyahu's comments come a day after Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara told British TV that the Israeli prime minister "is preparing for war." They also follow last week's announcement of an additional NIS 2 billion cut to the proposed 1997 hudget.

ed his predecessors Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres for being "prisoner" to the concepdon that peace was an alterna-

Netanyahu's attempt to change gears is confounding the plans, but they say the conditions which existed when it was decided to take this calculated risk have also changed. They were referring to the movement of thousands of Syrian troops last September to within striking distance of the Golan Heights. For the first time in years, intelligence assessments said a pos-sibility of war breaking out with

Syria now exists. In response, the 1DF has recently reshuffled its funds to quickly reslock its shelves and

increase training at the expense of R&D and acquisition. Some reports said over NIS 1 billion have been spent on supply orders.

has dropped some 30%. Senior IDF sources said that Senior defense officials and IDF generals have long said they would like to see the defense hudget linked to the GNP as well as the adoption of a multi-year budget for the army. under the Labor-led govern-ment, the IDF modified its longrange strategic doctrine, allow-ing the 1DF to eat its supplies But the Finance Ministry opposand lower its alert status in es the move, arguing that the GNP and defense spending are not related. The Finance Ministry also wants to see the army cut its running costs, including salaries, which account for anywhere between 25 and 50% of its total budget, depending on whose data is to he considered.

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New book: Mossad operated for 10 years within Iraq

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Kurds win independence, a new book says. The book, Broken Hope, authored by Shlomo Nakdimoo and pub-lished by Yediot Aharonot, details the Israeli campaign for the Kurds between 1963-75. It included arms and medical supplies being flown in by Israeli Air Force cargo jets to Iran. From there, the supplies were transported to the Kurdish rebels.

Nakdimon said the Kurds received such arms as artillery, mortars, rockets and light weapons.

The author says he interviewed 70 people, most of them Mossad agents and IDF officers involved in the Kurdish campaign. Some of them described bow the Mossad organized the Kurds into units the attacked Iraqi troops in the north. A total of 10,000 Iraqi soldiers were killed. The Kurdish campaign ended in 1975 when the Shah of Iran signed an agreement with then-Iraqi Vice President Saddam Hussein that ended the Kurdish revolt. Kurdish leader Mula Mustafa Barazani was takeo by surprise by the accord.

Several days after the accord was signed, Israel evacuated its agents from northern Iraq and brought them to Iran. The Kurdish revolt soon collapsed as Iraqi troops routed the Kurds.

# Police probe series of arson attacks, Golan Druse suspected DAVID RUDGE

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POLICE inquiries are continuing into a series of arson attacks and other nationalisoc incidents on the Golan Heights - apparently perpetrated by pro-Syrian Druse - in the past few months.

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The latest incident occurred late on Wednesday night when a blaze virtually gutted the dining room of a Swiss-atyle holiday village in Moshav Neveh Ativ on the upper slopes of ML. Hermon.

The police spokesman for the Galilee district Snpt. Eliezer Binyamin said that a fire brigade investigator had ruled that the fire was started deliberately in two separate places.

Police also found nationalistic slogans including "Down With the Occupation" and "The Golan Belongs to Syria" scrawled on walla in the huilding. The holi-day village itself was empty at the time, prior to the winter skiing season on Mt. Hermon.

Binyamin noted that the incident was one of several attacks on public property on the Golan

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Heights in the past few months. In other incidents, saboteurs set fire to a police post in Massada village and a blaze destroyed documents and part of a building housing the locome Tax Anthority office in Majdal Shams.

"There bave also been incidents of stone-throwing at police and civilian cars on the Golan Heights and in another incident part of a restaurant owned by the head of Buka'ata local council was burned in another arson hlaze," said Binyamin.

There have also been incidents of slogan daubing on public buildings and the raising of Syrian flags.

Police detained several suspects for questioning in connection with the incideots, hut they were all subsequently released.

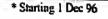
The incidents, following a long period of quiet on the part of pro-Syrian Druse elements on the Golan, appear to be connected with regional political developments.



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Foreign Minister David Levy and Niger Foreign Minister Andre Salifou speak to the media after renewing diplomatic ties between the two countries yesterday in Jerusalem. Niger, located in Central Africa and whose population is largely Moslem, severed ties with Israel in 1973. Levy said the two countries would cooperate in a number of fields. (Brian Hendler)

# Workers stage wildcat strike at Haifa, Ashdod and Eilat ports

WORK at the Haifa, Ashdod and Eilat ports was at a standstill yes-

full backing of the Histadrut, which declared a labor dispute on behalf of the port workers several months ago. Railway employees were not involved in the strike yesterday.

The workers are concerned over plans by the Ports and Railways Authority to kevy a tax of 11 per cent on all the income from the authority's work.

They fear that such a tax would reduce the level of their salaries and would also put imposed on pension funds, effectively cutting their pensions. The Treasury issued a statement

yesterday saying that the pro-posed taxes would not effect salaries or pensions of the workers in any way,

The workers, however, said they **Post Internet Edition** 

were not convinced by the Treasury's promises and would continue their action to protect their salaries and pension rights. The 24-hour warning strike itself is due to end this morning.

Meanwhile, the Haifa regional Labour Court yesterday ordered management and workers at the troubled Haifa Chemicals plant in the bayside industrial zone to resume negotiations of a new collective labour agreement and ensure full normal working.

The two sides are to report back to the court on Monday about progress on the negotiations which broke down earlier this week.

Management wants to annul the collective agreement, which the workers want to retain, in order to implement staff cuts and other efficiency measures.

**Bar** Association head: Supreme Court criticism may have been misconstrued

BAR Association chairman Dror Hoter-Yishai suggested yesterday that his criticism of the Supreme Court and its justices in a newspaper interview may have been misconstrued.

"I am not responsible for all of the banner headlines in the media but only for what I said. Unfortunately, it is apparent that sometimes the beadlines don't match the contents," Hoter-Yishai said yesterday at a ceremony welcoming new members of the association at the Jerusalem International Convention Center. Hoter-Yishai's comments in an interview with the haredi newspaper Yated Ne'eman caused a stir Wednesday.

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Hoter-Yishai was quoted as saying that the court's justices had become so concerned with their own agendas that they were neglecting their responsibilities to What, did I plan it?" he asked. the law.

In his comments yesterday, Hoter-Yishai said he regretted giving the interview to a publication that sometimes fights against valsay whatever you think," Deri replied anguly. "If it wasn't in this ues which are dear to all those who are students of the law. framework, I think I would react

"I have criticism of what is going on in the Supreme Court. The president of the Supreme Court is aware of this," he said.

Meanwhile, the journalist who conducted the interview said he would have no choice but to the



**ILAN CHAIM** 

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entirely differently." He later added: "Your thesis is entirely

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of my drawers nor did I dream it

up one night, but this is what one

"I want to tell you, Mr. Deri, that

to you.'

false."

Prosecutor: Deri prepared false financial statement in advance of investigation

PROSECUTOR .: Yehoshua Resnick accused MK Arveh Deri yesterday of preparing a falsified financial statement to give the state comptroller a year-and-a-half before the police opened an investigation against him.

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Resnick charged the statement included presentation of a fictitious \$50,000 loan to Yom-Tov Rubin, and said he was basing his claims on statements made by defendant Moshe Weinberg to the police.

The court raled that Deri's replies regarding Weinberg's

be admissible if Woinberg himself did not take the stand. As a negult, the defense announced Wemberg "Yes, I say you planned this matter of Yom-Tov Rubin's debt would not testify in his own defense.

Resnick questioned Deri regarding the financial statement made in 1988, with Deri explaining that the statement strengthened his claim that be had deposited the \$50,000 with Rubin, with the money returned to him later, and that the money was not a bribe as

the prosecution charged. Deri said he could not have known an investigation would be

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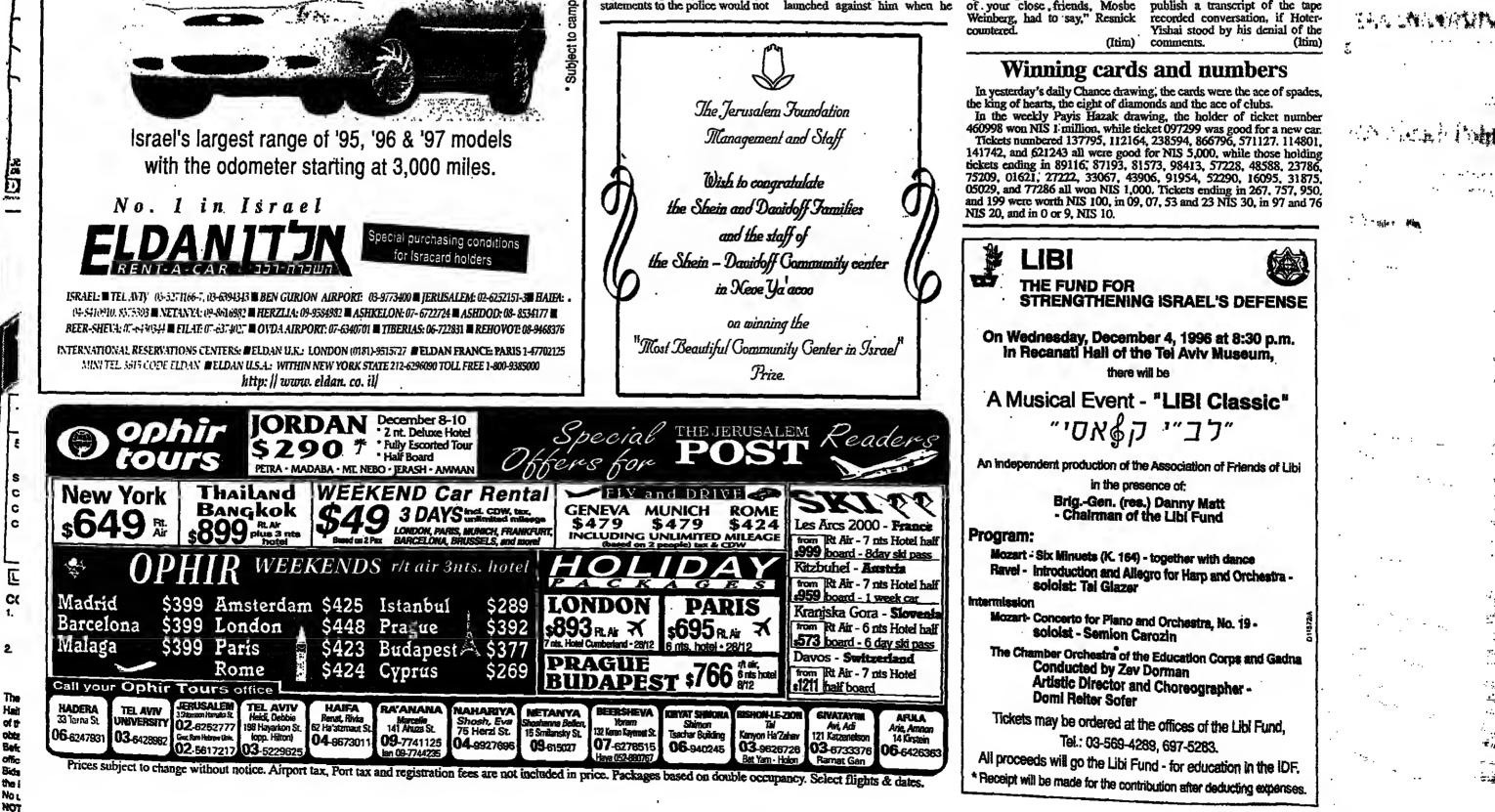
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# 'Yediot' security officer may be charged with wiretapping

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THE Justice Ministry recently transferred documents containing the main violations which Yediot Aharonat security officer Haim Rosenberg may be charged with, prior to a possible indictment against him on wiretapping charges

The documents were sent to Rosenberg's lawyer, said sources at the Justice Ministry, and contain possible charges of commissioning wiretapping from private investigator Ze ev Laufer on senior Ma'ariv and Yedior person-

Rosenberg will apparently be given the opportunity of a pre-indictment hearing before any charges are filed.

Evidence in hands of police and the District and State Attorney's office was provided by

### **RAINE MARCUS**

Laufer, after be was charged on 13 counts of wiretapping. He was paid \$600,000 by Ma ariv for his information against Rosenberg and Yedior publisher Amon Mozes, and the pay-ments were authorized by police and the District Attorney, Ma'ariv reported yesterday Laufer decided to cooperate with police after a long silence, and after sources said that be asked Yediot for a loan to finance his trial but was refused.

According to an amended charge sheet against Laufer, and based on his own admissions, he ordered wiretapping from private investigators Rafi Friedan and Ya'acov Tsur on the phones, cellular phones and faxes of senior

Yediot shareholders, who are in the middle of a fierce legal battle over control of the daily. Those allegedly bugged include Arnon Mozes's cousin Ze'ev (who was ousted from the daily), Tami Mozes, lawyers Meir Lifa and Ami Osnal, Oded Mozes, Judy Mozes, and other senior personnel. Laufer also told police that he was commissioned by Rosenberg to tap Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrodi, former mar-

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keting manager Ya'acov Kedmi and others. Yedior was first mentioned by Ya'acov Tsur after he turned state's witness in February 1995, but police did not further the investigation until Laufer, in return for money, decided to cooperate. However Tsur's evidence is contradictory to that of Laufer's, and now problems can be expected in the series of trials in

Hebron settlers expect 'capitulation' HERB KEINON IDF patrols. "This will turn these

areas into a breeding ground for terrorists, since Hamas will be

able to sit there unimpeded." According to Wilder, the buffer zones – which were not included

in the original agreement on Hebron – were to include the Arab

neighborhoods on hills overlook-

ing the Jewish enclave, including

Wilder said he has not noticed

anything "on the ground" in

Hebron pointing to an imminent

redeployment. But a Kiryat Arba

official said there are reports that

a number of IDF trucks were

moved into the area yesterday, apparently to move equipment out of the civil administration build-

In a related development, the

heads of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria

and Gaza met yesterday with

Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu and Defense Minister

Yitzhak Mordechai, Neither side

would provide details of the meet-

ing, beyond saying that it was part of an ongoing dialogue regarding

Ma'aleb Adumim Mayor Benny

Kashriel, deputy head of the coun-

cil, said that among the issues dis-

cussed were building and develop-

ment in the settlements, and the

eviction of the Jahalin Beduin

from around Ma'aleh Adumim.

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HEBRON settlers said this' week they have confirmation "from the highest levels" that reports Israel and the Palesunians have compromised on key issues in Hebron are

"All the Israeli positions regarding Hebron have collapsed," said Hebron settlement spokesman Noam Amon. "We are warning that the national government is liable 10 destroy the community in Hebron, and we demand a total change in the agreement. The IDF will not go [in hot pursuit] into Hebron, just as it did not go into

Another spokesman, David Wilder, said the agreement "is a total capitulation." Wilder said September's violence showed into Palestinian areas when in bot pursuit, they will be very reluctant to use this right.

"We saw two months ago that, even after shooting incidents, the IDF was afraid to eoter Palestinian territory," be said.

ership believes the central issue has become preemptive actions by the IDF in Palestinian-controlled areas of Hebron, not only actions after an incident. "It is difficult to believe that the agreement, as it stands now, allows for preemptive action - and that was the issue," he

"sound wonderful," but, in fact, are useless, because they allow

**Excavations** at Castra archeological site resume, but not

The excavations, which have so far cost a total of NIS 10 million and are due to be completed by the end of 1996, are aimed at uncovering as much as possible of the sile to better understand its importance and save valuable artifacts. The rest is destined to be destroyed by construction of the planned Carme! tunnel

will cut through Mouni Carmei. linking Haifa's southern access to the Checkpost Junction in the north. straight through the Castra sile and

A Religious Affairs Ministry representative inspected the site yesterday and afterwards Levy gave instructions to resume the excava-

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that, even though Israel may have the right under the accords to go

Wilder said that buffer zones



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#### THE dispute over the removal of Minister Zevulun Hammer, and the matter was subsequently referred to bones from an archaeological resthe transportation minister.

cue dig at Castra, the site of a Byzantine period settlement on the southern outskirts of Haifa, to facilitate construction of the Carmel Transportation Minister Yitzhak

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that there were only two graves lo be excavated, and without doing so and removing the bones for reburplaining about the "uprooting of ial, the tunnel project itself would ancient graves" to Educatioo be stymied.

violence a violation of accords PALESTINIAN Authority chairman Yasser Arafat's repeated calls for jihad and threats of a renewal of the intifada are a fundamental violation of the Oslo Accords, the government said to a statement released Wednesday.

under pressure and a willingness to succeed.

The statement came a day after the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee heard Maj.-Gen. Oren Shahor, the government's coordinator of activities in the territories, on Palestinian charges of infringements of the accords by Israel.

"Arafat's virulent rhetoric confers legitimacy on the use of vio**BATSHEVA TSUR** 

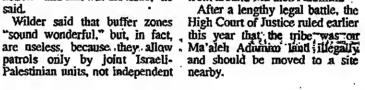
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lence," the Israeli document said. In addition to calling for jibad and for renewing the intifa-da, "he has praised terrorists who killed Israelis after the signing of the accords, and suggested that the agreements with Israel were a tactical ploy and a pre-lude to a return to the armed struggle.

fundamentalist terrorist groups." It details a selection of statements made by Arafat over the past year, including his speech at the Debaisbe refugee camp on October 21, 1996, when he said: "We know only one word: jihad, jihad, jihad. When we stopped the iotifada, we did not stop the jibad for the establishmeot of a Palestinian state whose capital is Jerusalem."

It probably does feel like torture. This new Givati Brigade recruit is currently undergoing examinations for soldiers trying out for its reconnaissance unit. The soldiers are tested under extreme conditions for their leadership qualifies, cooperation in the ranks, physical fitness, stamina, work (Hadar Cohen/IDF Spokesman)

Wilder said the settlement lead-



Levy on Wednesday ordered the excavations, which began in 1993 and are nearing completion, stopped immediately after demon-strations by haredim who protested that the excavations were desecrating Jewish graves. However, the Antiquities Authority, which is carrying out the rescue dig, stressed that the remains of two churches at the site and crosses found by the graves proved. that the bones were of Christians. The trouble erupted last week after archeologists transferred 87 crates of bones from the site to the tions, but not near the graves. Religious Affairs Ministry for . The Antiquities Authority noted reburial, in accordance with the

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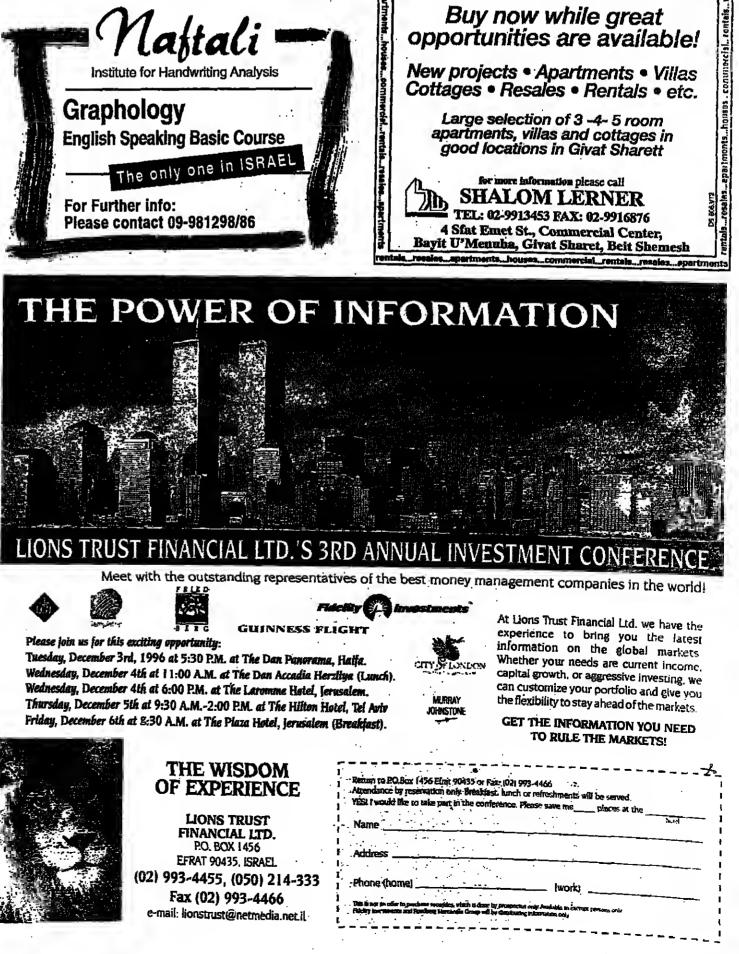
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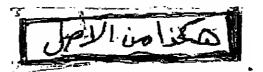
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# The real threat to peace

ed, but the departure of many key members of his caoinet has this political town abuzz with who will get what in the first second-term Democratic administration in over half a century. In particular, the world is eagerly awaiting the appointment of a new secretary of state to replace the tacitum but dogged Warren Christopher.

The Middle East, high maintenance region as it is, will not wait patiently for an orderly appointment process in Washington. There is a pot on the oven that needs tending to now before it boils over, whether or not the outgoing secretary is getting ready to leave the kitchen. Since the violent Palestinian response to the opening of a new exit to the Western Wall Tunnel in September, the threat of violence has never fully left the air. Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat renewed his commitment of non-violence to Clinton at the snap Washington summit, and later to President Ezer Weizman. But despite these commitments. Arafat continues to threaten renewed violence at every turn.

On October 10, he told the Palestinian Council that "negotiations have achieved nothing up until now. As a consequence, we must be ready in every way to confront all possibilities. You must understand what I mean by this." On October 21, Arafat declared at Debaishe refugee camp: "We know only one word: jihad. jihan jihad ... We are now entering the phase of the great tihad prior to the establishmeot of an inde-pendent Palestinian state whose capital is Jerusalent," On the same Jay, Israel Radic reported that Arafat said to a delegation of Hebron Arab notables, "Have you un out of stones in Hebron? Prepare the stones."

Arafat's message is simple. If he fails to get his way inside the negotiations process. he will go outside it. All the solemn commitments made in the Oslo Accords and to the president of the United States can be broken at any time he feels deputy. The United States must decide whether that is not forthcoming enough.

So while violence remains formally outside the process, Arafat wants all the parties to understand that for him, it is really part and parcel of the negotiations. In a trade dispute between the US and Japan, neither side is

ASHINGTON has transition fever. expected to start shooting should there be a deadlock. In contrast, the Middle East peace process is becoming more and more like a Western. When the sheriff's not around, one never knows when shooting will break out next at the card table.

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Now, we all know that the United States is not, and does not want to be, the world's sheriff. The US carefully cultivates its dual role as Israel's staunch ally and that of an honest broker between Arabs and Israelis. At the Washington summit, for example, Clinton carefully refrained from criticizing Israel for opening the tunnel exit and did not condemn the Palestinians for resorting to violence.

There are times, bowever, in which the US does slip out of the bonest broker role and puts on the sheriff's badge. This week, for instance, State Department spokesman Nick Burns went out of his way to comment on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's visit to Ariel. He said that "calling for an expansion of settlements, going to Ariel, is certainly not useful and not constructive. It's not going to belp the process." If talk of expandiog settlements is "not constructive," what does that make talk of boly war? Consistency is not the issue bere. The point is that if incitement to violence does not trigger the US to put on its sheriff badge, the peace process is in real danger.

Already, Egypt and Syria have joined the Palestinians in threatening to go outside the peace process to achieve what they want, Egyptian officials ha. : stated that Egypt is considering freezing normalization with Israel if the peace process does not move quickly succigh. Simila is acting as if every defensive statement oy Israel is an aggressive act, while ninting oroadily that it might go to war to capture the Golan Heights. This week, a Syrian. ambassador said that Israel's nuclear threat

could be met with a chemical weapon attack. Alarm bells should be going off in the sheriff's office. There is no time to wait for a new

the peace process. If they are not, and it is hard, to see now the US could think otherwise, then Washington should be at least as vigilant regarding each violent threat as it is regarding new nomes in Ariel

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pended their better judgment.

IF ROBUST parties constitute a.

key to democracy why did the

contagious spread of the primary

system encounter so little opposi-

Primaries, which effectively

PROFESSIONAL democrats moment of triumph

A poll commissioned by the Education Ministry in 1994 found that many young Israelis yearned for a strong leader and disdained their country's party and coalition politics. These results seemingly sus-

tained the thesis that Israel was an authoritarian state where antidemocratic antitudes were transmitted from father to son.

Such self-serving alarmism should not be taken too seriously. Additionally, the doomsayers should be asking themselves who belped propagate the attitudes they presently decry.

To argue that Israels students seek a dictatoriat man on horseback when they express low esteem for parties and coalhions is arrant nonseose. Many stable Western democracies have exhibited an anti-party streak on either a temporary or loog-term basis.

In 1958 Charles de Gaulle tappen popular disenchantment with the overly dominant parties and unstable coalitions of France's Fourth Republic to institule a scone presidentia system in France's Fifth Republic. French democracy has fared oone the worse.

In the US parties were frequently perceived as agents of factionalism and corruption. The most revered presidents were the executive activists who maximized the power of their office

Contempt for coalmon politics permeates British political culture. The British acknowledge that their present electoral system

is inequitable toward medium and al was so intense that they sussmall parties but resist any move to some form of proportionalism. Such a change, they argue, would inflict upon Britain the curse of coalition politics.

These countries make no apologies for their political culture, and neither should Israel.

undermine party control over the The sudden veneration of strong parties coupled with aversion to candidate selectioo process, strong leaders is highly suspect. Why one may ask, didn't the

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The views expressed by Israeli students do not necessarily reflect authoritarian biases

In Israel the demolition process alarm bells go off during the has gone one step further.

Rabin era? When even the primary system Labor officially appeared on the failed to produce the right personballot in the 1992 general elecal result the system was circumtions as "the Labor Party headed vented. To nearly universal media by Yitzhak Rabin." Labor's camacclaim Haim Ramon ignored the paign jiogle "Israel awaits Rabin" beseeched us to vote Labor results of his party's primary and piounteo a successfui indepenbecause "we want real teaderdent : ampaign for chairmansnip ship."

Israelis could dismiss misgivings over Oslo because it inc agreement was palatable to Mr. Security - Rabin - it was good enough for them as well.

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Were our democratic vigilantes: asleep during the Rabin cia. Perhaps their cravings for an Israeli de Gaulle who would implement a near-total withdraw-

When the personalization of politics works in favor of Rabin, Ramon or Mitzna democracy is promoted; when it secures the election of Netanyahu, democracy is in jeopardy.

Many of those conspicuously aghast at the results of the Education Ministry's poll totally supported the call for electoral reform. The old electoral system was vilified for enhancing the bargaining power of extortionate minor parties (a codeword for religious parties).

By directly electing a prime minister and unshackling him from dependence on fickle coalition partners Israel would obtain good governmeot.

The message of the new law was clear. A strong leader was good for us; coalition politics was bad for us.

Professor Uriel Reichman and his fellow professors from Tel Aviv University who spearheaded the reform campaign were lionized by the media.

Once the new law failed to elect the right candidate and actually enhanced the power of the religious parties Reichman and Co. were instantly devalued from seers a simpletons,

Those who seek to monopolize democratic values should take heed.

The views expressed by Israeli sindents do not necessarily reflect authoritarian biases, Israeli students actually appear to be parroting viewpoints popularized by the selfshried grandians of democracy! 结婚的情况"书:55 K (1944) The writesteaches political science .a. Bar-Jlan University's extension in Ariel.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE

(Letters, November 22) when he demiological context. Lifestyle factors, once so denigrated as unimportant, are increasingly regarded as playing a crucial and formative role in the causation of disease. It is a small yet painfulto-admit step for many doctors to realize that health and recovery may be accomplished, often without drugs or surgery, if serious attention is paid by the patient and physician to the correction of faulty living habits. Curiosity, it is said, is the hallmark of a true scientist. It may come as a surprise, therefore, to your readership to learn that despite the existence of the Hadassah Complementary Medicine Clinic for some seven or more years, with many thousands of patients attending as a result of recommendations, only a handful of physicians have taken the trouble to visit the clinic and inspect our results. The public, on the other hand, votes resoundingly, with its feet. MERVYN WALDMAN

criticizes the lack of research-based proof for the efficacy of complementary medicine. However, he does a disservice to the truth when he claims that conventional medicine is solidly founded on scientific methodology. For example, he fails to point out that very little operative surgery has been put under the scrutiny of double blind, placebocontrolled trials. In other words, surgery performed on the patient is that which, through trial and error, has been thought to work. This empirical approach is precisely the same as that on which much of complementary medicine is based. Dr. Luder also fails to mention that "evidence-based medicine" is of very recent origin. Only in the past four to five years have standard medical procedures and treatmeots begun to be scrutinized for their statistical validity and longterm as opposed to temporary benefit. The results have often been embarrassingly negative.

After years of ignoring the obvious, orthodox medicine is begin-

Sir, – In his November 22 column. Moshe Kohn shows us his head is so firmly implanted in the sand that his worldview has turned upside down completely. In his column, which begins with a paranoid over analysis of recent comments by Amos Oz and Shimon Peres, Kohn concludes by extrapolating that the late Yitzhak Rabin brought about his own assassingtion. a claim akin to saying that rape victims not paying attention to would be assailants are to be blamed for the crime perpetrated against them. Kohn attributes members of the left-wing camp, including Oz, with being members of a "selfanointed 'Peace Camp'" on a par with those "who believe they know exactly how to force the arrival of Messiah now." This slur

18h3 N.Ber 2. H<sup>1</sup>121 3 is especially ironic in light of the messianic bent of the movement The t that gave Rabin's murderer his legitimization. The religious right Hatta provided an ideology which eleof the .... vated a sectarian politico-reli-ObtaintOL: gious messianic interpretation of Before no. Torah over the fundamental val-Chicas Bids Sign ues of democracy. These views after fermenting in the rotting the las<sup>2</sup> brains of a small group of lunatics Noune led to the assassination of the it does. NOTE---Regula

Jerusalem

### **RABIN'S ASSASSINATION**

democratically elected leader of Israel.

Rhetoric becomes very heated in Israel. Accusations fly rapidly from right to left and from left to right. However, recent history has shown that bullets and grenades are one-way traffic: they fly from right to left. Kohn's ludicrous attempt to reverse the blame for Rabin's assassioation caoooi excuse a cold-blooded murder. DR DAVID DE GRAFF

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#### Moshe Kohn comments:

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1 Rape victims not paying attention to would-be assailants who have been pointed out to them and against whom they have been warned are to be blamed for their indifference or carelessness. 2. Yitzhak Rabin's and Shimon Peres's altempt to force their pseudo-messianic "New Middle East" idea on a Jewish citizenry more than half of whom rejected the idea was also a violation of "fun-New Delhi. damental values of democracy." 3. None of this excuses Rabin's murder and I never suggested that

Hillel Halkin's column of November 8. A humorous Purim issue of the Post would have been a more appropriate forum for such an article based on false premises. Does Mr. Halkin actually believe that the Palestinian Authority in Hebron would be interested in protecting Jews even if "the outcome of the peace process depended on not a hair of these inhabitants' heads being unjustly touched"?

**HEBRON'S JEWS** 

If Mr. Halkin is really serious about conducting an experiment to test whether Jews can live safely in Arab-run cities, than why choose Hebron's Jews who (as Mr. Halkin states) behave with "nasty belligerence toward their Arab neighbors"? Why not choose Jews who believe in living in harmony with their Arab brethren?

A more suitable group of people-with whom to test this thesis would be a Peace Now group. Mr. Halkin should have proposed that 500 Peace Now members rent apartments in Hebron, moving their wives and children into this oasis of Arab security. Mr. Halkin knows what the outcome would be - not one person would budge, even though (as Mr. Halkin writes) "the Palestinian police's record in ensuring the safety of Israelis visiting or traveling in its domain has been good."

Why is this? When you have the answer to that question, Mr. Halkin, you will onderstand why no Israeli government dare adopt your proposai of "turning the entire city of Hebron and its Jews over the PA.

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### GANDHI

Sit - According to Batsheva Isur (November 19), President Weizman will lay a wreath on the grave of Mahatma Gandhi. This will be a most difficult task as Gandhi was cremated in accordance with Hindu tradition and his ashes were scattered over the River Ganges. Presumably she means that Presideot Weizman will visit the memorial park in

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yesterday's Labor Party central committee meeting highlighted an old problem and a new one.

The old problem is the seemingly innate inability of our top leaders to retire gracefully when they are clearly over the hill after attaining the pinnacle of long political carcers.

The new problem is that our new system of direct elections for the prime minister seems to put a premium on candidates -Binyamin Netanyahu in the case of the Likud, and front-runner Ehnd Barak in Labor - who have no political record to speak of and thus stand for nothing except their reputed ability to win an election. No one seems to have asked this embarrassingly naive question: -Win for what purpose?

The wrangling in the central comminee meeting was over the questions of when the Labor Pany should choose its new leader and whether that choice should precede or follow a new party conference. Those seemingly tame procedural issues in fact veil a fierce struggle for the party leadership, one aggravated by the prospect of a stark generational change.

Front-runner for the party chair-manship, former IDF chief of staff Ehud Barak, fearing that his present clear lead over the other contenders could erode, is determined that the election of the new party chairman be held by Jexi June, in keeping with the party constitution.

## POSTSCRIPTS

IT MAY have been the first political assassination of a goat.

Police are investigating the suspicious death of a goat standing for mayor in a Brazilian Iown, Frederice the goat had been leading in opinion surveys in Pilar since his owner Petrucio Maia launched the animal on the campaign trail as a protest candidate.

Maia said he thought his goat had been poisoned by a political rival.

"He had a lot of foam in his mouth," he said.

A few days earlier, inhabitants of Pilar drove in a coovoy of 50 vehicles through town in support of Frederico's candidacy. Newspapers said the elec- you rinse, the skins in water," tion bandwagon was shot at.

## YOSSI GOELL

Peress patron David Ben-His opponents are demandiog that a convention be held in April. Gurion also never succeeded in Their hope is that it will authorize leading his party - Labor's predepostponing the election, helping cessor, Mapai - to electoral victothem overcome Barak's lead. ry. Ben-Gurion lost five elections, The present chairman, former but never did his party think of

prime minister Shimon Peres, has dumping him for a winner. announced that he will not run in AT 73 and still in fine form, Peres, the next national elections in the year 2000. He hopes, however, despite losing five elections, finds that a postponement of elections it excruciating to have to let go for party head would make it posafter a career at the top for nearly

Reputed ability to win an election just isn't enough. Voters need a political record

sible for him to be coopted into a all of Israel's 48 years. national unity government, which he believes will inevitably emerge by 1997. Peres has no intention of going quietly into limbo like the Likud's Yitzhak Shamir.

In Israel, veteran leaders rarely retire. They are "deposed," "overthrown" like monarchs, often wailing that their "blood is being spilled."

Former Likud leader Menachem Begin lost eight elections before bis 1977 victory. Yet never during those 29 years of soul-searing defeat did the Likud, or its Herut predecessor. seriously consider dumping its founding father and finding another leader who could lead it to victory. It would have smacked too much of particide.

WHAT IS the stylish Swede wear-

You're not going to believe it.

ing this winter?

#### And in a central committee where nearly everyone is convinced that the party urgently needs a new and younger standardbearer, there is yet also widespread agreement that nothing should be done to hurt Peres's feelings. Given Peres's conviction that he and he alone can save the floundering peace process there is no way Labor can choose a new leader without rejecting its old one.

Why should politically unaffdiated outsiders care? Because as voters and as citizens we should be objecting strenuously to any internal party processes that could again lead to our being

forceo ic choose the lesser of two wils as we were last May.

Antman reassured all potential fashion victims. But although the snorak is

entirely made from natural prod-Ann-Kristin Antman has come ucts, the price is not so basic: they're \$11,345 each.

> TWO INDONESIAN television stations have dropped in advertise ment for a hair creatif after the armed forces complained that it appeared to belittle military service. The ad shows a young man with a wavy lock across his forehead speak-

ing on the telephone to his girlfriend who says it is a pity he will be entering the academy for military officers, because he will have to cut his hair. Senior military officers said

they were concerned the ad could give the impression that a man's hairstyle was more important than his career as a military officer.

to wake up to the real meaning of the supposedly "lesser evil" a bare inajority of us opted for last May. By the next elections Netanyahu will for better or worse, have racked up a four-year record. It is essential that the Labor candidate who opposes him be a known quantity to the electorate.

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Right now the fiercely ambitious Barak is preny much of a black hole. As voters we have the right to demand that come next elections we know what he stands for, what choices he makes when the decisioos are particularly thorny, and whether or not be has succeeded in uniting his party behind him.

It takes time to rack up such a record. That's wby it is important that Labor choose its new leader as soon as possible.

Barak is the front-runner today because he has convinced his party colleagues that only he can lead them to victory - very much like Netanyahu convinced a reluctant Likud in 1993.

But things change fast in Israeli politics

Whoever is elected to lead Labor within the next six months should be made to stand for renomination as its standard-bearer close to the next national elections on the basis of his performance as opposition leader during the intervening three years.

The writer comments on public affairs

A GRANDMOTHER who wied to help a stranger by feeding a up in jail instead. "I've never been arrested for anything before," Sylvia Spayton, 62, said as she luft the court, where she was arraigned on charges of obstructing official business and disorderly conduct.

She was arrested by a police officer who saw her put coins in an expired meter. She said she did not know who owned the car but thought she would help out

He started to write a parking tickes after I put the money in the meter," she said, "He said I was interfering with his duties."

The dispute landed Spayton in jail for three hours before family members bailed her out. The policeman involved in the case declined comment.

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up with a Stone Age design especially for the cold climate: an unorak made of urine-soaked salmon skin. Antman made the coat from the skins of 20 salmon, then soaked

the coat in five liters of urine collected from members of her family.

"It is a method used during the Stone Age in Sweden Animan said. "Eskimos hardened tish skin in urine and made raincoats and even shoes from it. It protects well from the rain and rough weather

and it's really hard-wearing . The smell disappears when

# **OPINION**

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# **Quality, not quantity**

ABBIS, indeed religious Jews generally, are no R greater experts on Israel's military or physical security than anyone else.

But in one sphere they should be expected to be more proficient than others, and that is Israel's spiritual security, notably its specifically Jewisb aspects. These may, in the end, prove the decisive factor.

Where Israel's policies are concerned 1 make my occasional forays into the public arena purely as a rabbi charged with promoning Jewish values.

Several such values are now at

For me the pursuit of peace is a supreme Jewish ideal, second only to the preservation of life itself.

The present opposition of the religious establishment to the peace process is, as I see it, based on purely secular argnments, such as:

Ceding territory would endanger Israel's security.

Perhaps not ruling over two million disaffected Arabs would make Israel safer, it would cer-tainly make the state more Jewish;

The old borders are indefensible.

When missiles from Baghdad can hit Tel Aviv borders become almost irrelevant. From the "indefensible" pre-1967 borders came the biggest victory in Jewish bistory; while the near-disaster of the Yom Kippur War sprang from the "ideal" borders of the Suez Canal and the expanded Golan area;

The Arabs cannot be trusted. I have often advocated that territory should not be ceded until after at least five years of normal diplomatic, trade and tourist relations.

In Jewish thought we pray not to destroy our enemies but to "confound their counsel" - that is, to make them change their attitude.

l am not naive enough to believe that the Arabs have suddenly turned murderous hostility into genuine friendship. This can

Steven weeks ago, following the post-tunnel violence and at the urging of US President Bill Clinton, Israel agreed to begin

"intense and continnous" negotia-

tions on the implementation of the

For several weeks after that, the

public was repeatedly told by gov-

emment spokesmen that a new

and se

Hebron redeployment agreement.

IMMANUEL JAKOBOVITS happen only if our interests con-

Yasser Arafai knows very well that he has far more to fear from fundamentalist fellow Arabs than from Israelis. Indeed, far more Arabs than Jews have been killed by these extremists.

Arafat's security and that of other Arab "moderates" may well lie in making common cause with Israel. We should encourage such convergence of interests. Still more important as a reli-

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gious consideration is the realization that unyielding attitudes are liable to lead to another war, with - heaven forbid - catastrophic casualties dwarfing past losses. Nothing can weigh more heavily on the Jewish religious conscience, with its attribution of infinite worth to every single life, not to mention the threat to the Jewish state as a whole.

WHICH LEADS me to Israel's spiritual security, above every other consideration. To this, as religious Jews, we have everything to offer.

We onght to know, and believe, that in the long run the Jewish people cannot survive in the land of Israel without keeping faith with the Divine Covenant that conferred our claim to the land in the first-place.

We must accept and proclaim with conviction the twice-daily declaration of the Shema that without a firm moral and spiritual foundation our people "will be destroyed from off the good land which the Lord has sworn to give

our fathers." The experience of repeated destruction and exile in our history has proved this.

Yet I suspect that many religious Jews do not genuinely believe in this warning. Many are more concerned with the quantity of the land under Jewish control - where the borders are to be - than with the quality of its Jewish life.

Preoccupied with physical power and strength, we rely on material calculations (strangely nowhere more than in religious quarters) lacking the conviction that in the end Israel's security will depend on factors we alone can contribute.

lf immoral imports into Israel --lechery, drugs, marital infidelity, dishonesty and much other evil still exceed the export of Torah from Zion religious Jews should feel deeply worried. Such a negative halance sheet spells the failure of the religious element to inspire the nation and set the tone.

Religious Jews would have much to answer for if instead of this primary concern there were a calamitous derailment of the Jewish destiny. I am absolutely confident that

the Jewish purpose will prevail, bowever long it may take. After all, nearly half a millennium elapsed between Joshua's first conquest of the land and the establishment of Israel's sovereignty over Jerusalem and the building of the Temple there. Equally, I believe the peace

process is irreversible, and that some concessions compatible with security will be made over the land, including Jerusalem, which will retain its status as Israel's undivided capital - forever if we so merit.

As a salutary byproduct religious Jews could regain the respect they have at present widely forfeited, a respect they need in order to be able to exercise influence on our people and its fortunes.

Lord Jakobovits is the emeritus chief rabbi of Great Britain.

Area H-1 or even being planned

But if the issue is really preemp-

- and if that information exists.

there.

N every recent public speech and every press interview, particularly with the foreign press, the prime minister has made it a point to say that since he committed himself in the election campaign to honoring international agreements he would honor the Oslo agreement.

That was his "ticket," so to speak; and his integrity is now being put to the test. But it is doubtful that even the

most foolish of bis followers take this statement seriously. Had the vorers wanted Oslo

there is no reason why it cannot be bonored to the letter they What's really at stake here is wouldn't have thrown out the therefore not security, but politics. previous government but done as the international community so obviously wisbed and voted

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Netanyahu's rival ... had. promised to continue on the Oslo path; yet he was banished to the opposition wilderness, where he is now struggling to salvage the remains of his polit-

Why was it the unknown and inexperienced candidate who got elected?

signing of the so-called peace

TODAY, a few months after Israelis showed their lack of faith in the agreement by oust ... ing those responsible for its tethal consequences, the picture is one of political surreal-

ism. Netanyahu, elected to enact a policy alternative to Oslo, doesn't stop declaring – this time clearly and convincingly – that he is every bit as committed to the accords as his predecessors, that

Netanyahu is betraying the decisive majority of his own voters, who rejected the caperienced, reknowned statesman, Israel's "light to the nations." And even if Netanyahu tries very hard and makes more concessions than Peres would have , dared in the face of the vociferous and aggressive opposition . from the national camp Netanyahu then headed, he will never receive the recognition bestowed upon Rabin and Peres that he so desires.

And even if he returns to the 67 borders - and if he goes on as he has begun he surely will he will always leave that Hebron is only the first stage of impression of being "up to withdrawal and that he has firmly something," of being insincere,

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under pressure and vulnerable

formulation, gave him a mandate not to bonor Peres's agreement ical career.

Among other things, the vot-ers reasoned that if after the

reement the number of "vicdecided to complete the process.

Netanyahu's ticket to insincerity

by Peres's agreement.

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and improved agreement was close, imminent, and about to be must keep them in the stations. signed in a few days, or even, As for "hot pursuit," that right, After failing to close Orient mg to one prediction by too, is already enshrined in the House, agreeing to meet Arafat, Foreign Minister David Levy, agreement, not just for Hebron, within a few bours. At stake in Hebron is The sanguine reports were then put on hold for a while, only to be not security revived this week. But while an agreement will but politics eventually be reached no onc seems to know when that will hapbut for all of Area A. pen, and it may be useful, while According to Article XI, para-graph 3, subparagraph b, "Within we wait, to look at the reasons for the delay. These go beyond the usnal the territory under the security "blame game" that is an intrinsic responsibility of the Council, part of the Israeli-Palestinian diawithin places where Israeli authorities exercise their security logue. At the most simplistic level, anybody in any negotiation wbo functions in accordance with this Annex and in their immediate vicinitics, the Israeli authorities refuses to accept the other side's may carry out engagement steps in ure to reach agreement. In this cases where an act or incident requires such action." sense, Netanyahu and Arafat are Such engagement does not both right when they blame each require prior approval by or coorother. The real question is why there dination with the Palestinian are any negotiations at all, since police: Israel's only obligation is to act with a view to transferring an agreement already existed. the continued handling of an inci-Arafat may not have been happy dent falling within Palestinian with that agreement but he did not responsibility to the Palestinian police at the earliest opportunity, Netanyahu, however, was holding and to notify [not coordinate with] what seemed to be the high card the Palestinian police immediateinsisted, both before and after the Incidentally, Israel has not yet ment was fundamentally flawed. exercised this right, and unless the And while alleged Palestinian whole structure of Israeliviolations of other parts of the Palestinian relations collapses, it probably never will.

MARK A. HELLER

states, in paragraph 2, subparation and not just a "fishing expedigraph c, that Palestinian police in tion," that presumes fairly precise Area H-1 will be equipped "with 20 vehicles and armed with 200 information about the incident to be preempted - who, when, where pistols, and 100 rifles for the protection of these stations," i.e., that given to the Palestinian police. the police cannot wander around with long-barrelled weapons but

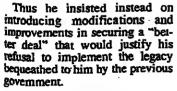
**Reasons for the delay** 

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demand that it be renegotiated. control ou the ground - and he elections, that the original agreeinterim agreement, Oslo 2, legally relieved Israel of any obligations it may have had, the political reality was that the prime minister could not simply walk away from the process.

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And since Netanyahu was clected primarily because of his promise to improve security, these modifications had to focus on security considerations.

According to public reports the major Israeli demands concern limitations on Palestinian police weaponry and on Israel's right of "hot pursuit" into territory falling under Palestinian jurisdiction.

The irony in all this, though it should have been apparent to anyone who didn't just make speeches about Oslo 2 but actually read it, is that both these demands had already been met.

Anticle VII of Annex 1 (Protocol Concerning Redeployment and Security Arrangements) clearly

In short, Israel has already got what it wants in security terms. True, some government sources have suggested that this is not

quite enough, and that the problem is not just "hot pursuil" in response to an incident, but also anticipatory action against an incident about to be launched from

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be withdrawn from most of Hebron, the Israeli side needs to es produced something more than a molehill of cosmetic changes in return for the time, good-will and lives that have been expended. But the Palestinian side cannot allow its public to conclude that it conceded something "better" for the Israelis, lest that be interpreted to mean "worse" for the Palestinians.

. Squaring this circle has so far baffled all of the best-intentioned mediators, including Bill Clinton, Warren Christopher, Dennis Ross, and even Jacques Chirac. Perhaps the reason is that they

have looked for some sophisticated formula that focuses on security rather than politics. If there is any solution it probably has to be much simpler and

more direct - something like an additional paragraph in the "Guidelines on Hebron" that says "Both sides affirm that this amended agreement is much better for themselves and worse for the other side, and swear by all that's holy they really mean

This may not he a brilliant solution, but the alternative is to hope that things don't blow up, wait until the Deri trial is over, then let a real professional sort this out.

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and confirming that the IDF will it in again. After all Clinton, Chirac,

Yeltsin, Mubarak, Assad, King show its own public that Hussein and Arafat - and nearly Netanyahu's mountain of promis- every other leader - didn't hesitate to involve themselves in our domestic affairs. More than that, they conducted a near-overt propaganda campaign to keep their partner Shimon Peres, visionary and architect of the agreement, in office.

No one taking the trouble to leaf through the papers from the period preceding the elections will find any specific Netanyahu promise "to honor the Oslo agreement." Only after using dentist's forceps on Netanyahu, without anesthesia. did the press manage to extract a vague, unconvincing statement about "mutual observance" of international agreements - the stress being on "mutual."

Peres and most leader writers justifiably claimed that these words contained no commitment and warned that Netanyahu had no intention of even minimal commitment. Yet the voters, clearly preferBy withdrawing from Hebron the premier is betraying the decisive majority of his own voters, who wanted an alternative to Oslo

tims of peace" far exceeded the casualties of war - the Lebanon war; for example - Peres, the man responsible for the agreement, would have to go.

More than that: They concluded that this wise and experienced statesman bad committed such a calamitous failure of jndgment that even a controversial novice was preferable in his place. Netanyahn, not committed to any dreadful agreement. could pull the country out of the trap in which. Peres and Rabin had landed it.

The Labor Party, Peres and most of the media warned repeatedly that Netanyahn as premier would bring on a war. Yet in spite of these warnings one might call them threats the fact is most of the nation preferred the specter of total war brought on by the young warmonger Netanyahu to the peace of terror brought upon us

And other central Likud figures like Instice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi and Coalition Chairman Michael Eitan, who only yesterday were the ideological spurs of their party ("the public mustn't be deceived" etc.) now talk easi-

ly about the redeployment from Hebron. Nothing shows up the cynical

switch of these two men better than recalling that when the previous government sought to implement the agreement in Hebron Eitan moved there 10 help thwart its evacuation, and Hanegbi, Likud representative at the "field operations" headquarters set up by the Council of Jewish Communities in Indea, Samaria and Gaza, was among those who planned and executed the massive protest that deterred Rabin and later

Peres from going ahead with

By withdrawing from Hebron

the evacuation.

to further concessions. I believe that this is the reason even Uzi Landau, staunch Peres opponent and among the most responsible and upright of individuals, is now committed to something that goes against the very essence of his being: a national unity government. So too Dan Meridor, who is liable

as a result to lose the finance

portfolio. They, along with others from the ranks of unshakable believers in the Land of Israel, have apparently come to a far-reaching conclusion: that if a member of the Labor party, someone whom Israelis, Arabs and the nanons of the world respect, doesn't stand with Netanyahu as she helm of the ship the country will sink into far greater depths than it would have had Shimon Peres been reelected.

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# ukashenko signs new Belarus constitution into law

## MARINA BABKINA

BELARUS'S authoritarian president signed into law a new constitution granting him vast powers yesterday, climating his triumph over an opposition that brands him a dictator.

Secure in his victory, President Alexander Lukashenko derided his critics in the old, now powerless parliament as "political adventurers and traitors" and posted guards outside their building. As members of the supportive new parliament that he created this week stood and applauded, Lukashenko's signature made official constitutional changes that virtually give him control of all branches of government and extend his term by two years to 2001.

The changes were approved by voters in a referendum last Sunday that critics called unfair and unde mocratic and international monitors said was rife with violations. Last night's signing came a day after the authoritarian Lukashenko signed a decree officially forming a new House of Representatives to replace the old parliament. Many its deputies were lured by Lukashenko from the old body. The new legislature has already halted parliamentary impeachment efforts against Lukashenko and passed a bill terminating the powers of the Supreme Soviet, the

previous parliament. But he denied yesterday that he has

MINSK Belarus formed a puppet parliament. At a session yesterday, the new parliament showed its hard-line slant by overwhelmingly electing veteran Communist Anatoly Malofeyev as speaker. Malofeyev was a Soviet Politburo member and the republic's Communist boss before the Soviet collapse.

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The pro-Lukashenko parliament then elected a staunch presidential ally. Vladimir Konoplyov, as Malofeyev's deputy. In an appeal to Belarusians, the new parliament pledged to work with the president and asked the people for support. Lukashenko boasted to the Interfax news agency that the political opposition will now be capable of only "minor insignificant actions which will be overlooked even hy

He said leaders of the old parliament were only political adventurers and traitors, naming among oth-ers former Prime Minister Mikhail Chigir, Lukashenko has not yet

opposition journalists." named his new prime minister

Meanwhile, opposition legisla-tors were allowed into their building in downtown Minsk, hut guards barred journalists and visitors from entering. The lawmakers said the guards belonged to Lukashenko's security service. The fragmented opposition appeared to be at a loss as it tried to figure out what course to take

Serbian opposition protests continue

SERBIA'S opposition kept up an unprecedented wave of protests vesierday as President Slobodan Milosevic's Socialist government cracked down on independent media.

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Tensions were running high a day after demonstrators threw siones as well as eggs and paint bombs at state television and newspaper offices - symbols of Milosevic's autocratic rule. Zajedno (Together) opposition

coalition leaders appealed for calm. "The victorious Zajedno coali-

tion does not approve of that and as of loday our security will prevent any similar outburst," Vuk Draskovic, an opposition leader, said in a statement.

But protesters began throwing stones again yesterday at the state television huilding - dubbed the "Bastille" by the opposition. Draskovie told crowds in

Belgrade on Wednesday the issue was no longer Milosevic's refusal to accept opposition victories in local elections.

"Until yesterday we fought to protect our election victory. Now the goal of our rebellion is the res-ignation of Slobodan Milosevic," he said.

BETI BILANDZIC BELGRADE, Yugoslavia

Zajedno has led more than a week of demonstrations since the authorines annulled results of a municipal poll which went badly against Milosevic's ruling Socialists. Diplomats expressed concern

the standoff could turn violent as authorities clamped down on independent radio and newspapers trying to cover the crisis.

The capital's only independent radio station, B-92, said its signal was being repeatedly jammed every time it attempted to broadcast news.

"Our signal has been jammed all day," said journalist Aleksandar Vasovic. "It's OK as long as we broadcast music but as soon as we begin the news program they start jamming us."

"We still don't know who is jamming us but our technicians strongly believe-someone is using a smaller transmitter which is set on our frequency."

A 700-meter long column of opposition demonstrators walked through Belgrade yesterday in a daily protest in the capital and other major towns.

The opposition's election victory and the street protests have embarrassed Milosevic as he tries to improve relations with the West and re-cast himself as a "peacemaker." The United States delivered a very stiff message to Milosevic and other members of the government about our opposition to what has happened," State Department spokesman Nick Burns said in Washington.

He said US diplomats had urged Milosevic to overturn the annulment of the opposition victory and warned authorities against any "undue use of force."

Earlier, university students who began a strike this week in Belgrade faculties - held a protest march at midday, tying up traffic. There was a carnival atmosphere among the students as they made their way through the city, beating drums and singing.

A group of young women gave traffic police flowers which were accepted with a smile. "Bravo, kids, just go ahead," said one of the policemen. Milosevic brutally crushed simi-

lar protests in 1991 with tanks and water-cannons. This time he faces demonstrations in several other towns across the country. (Reuter)



A Betty Boop balloon floats through New York's Times Square yesterday during Macy's 70th Thanksgiving Day parade. The bal-loon is 67 feet tall and holds over 15,000 cubic feet of helium. (Rever)

# Algerian army shells mountains on referendum day

PARIS (Reuter) - The Algerian army shelled mountains near the garrison town of Blida yesterday, apparently to try to prevent Moslem guerrillas from disrupting a controversial referendum on a draft constitution, residents said.

The constitution would ban numbers to vote, in defiance of the Moslem militants from gaining threats and main opposition leadpower, and guerrillas threatened ers' calls for a boycott. before the plebiscite that they Algiers-based diplomats said the government deployed more than 300,000 soldiers and policemen to would kill anyone voting. First official figures showed

Algerians turning out in large guard voters across the country, five times the size of France.

The Family

Police and paramilitary forces were seen patrolling Algiers streets under drizzling rain and soldiers in combat gear manned roadblocks on main roads outside the city, witnesses said.

Moslem guerrilla movements -

# as chief of Bosnian Serb army PALE, Bosnia (Reuter) - General Ratko Mladic formally gave up leadership of the Bosnian since a complex structure is involved, it took a president and still believed to exert influence in Serb Army yesterday, easing tensions in a power struggle between Serb civil and military bit long.

authorities. Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic

presided over the ceremony, which was arranged after Mladic, an indicted war criminal, agreed to quit late on Wednesday,

Mladic wrote to the civilian leadership in the Serb government seat of Pale to confirm that he had authorized his deputy, General Manojlo Milovanovic to hriefly assume command, Serb media reported on the taken out - mose then stamained legal to him.

Milovanovic's only task was to attend the ceremony where he transferred power to General Pero Colic, recently appointed hy the civilian leadership.

Sitting between the two generals, Plavsic thanked Mladic for leading the Bosnian Serb Army through the 1992-95 war against Bosnia's mainly Moslem government, only hinting at the bitter dispute between politicians and top generals.

"I have verified this transfer of duties." she

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BUDAPEST (Reuter) -Hungary will grant four bil-lion forints (\$25 million) com-

pensation to survivors of the

Holocaust, a government offi-

cial said yesterday. The special compensation

coupons will be handed over

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which will distribute it in the

form of annuity," government spokesman Elemer Kiss told a

news conference following the

Some 20,000 Hungarian

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Hungary, before World War II, had an estimated 800,000

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BUDAPEST (Reuter)

Gen. Mladic steps down

The delay stemmed from the refusal of Mladic, 52, and his staff to accept their dismissal by Plavsic

She replaced Mladic with the little known Colic, but Mladic refused to recognize the dismissal and holed himself up in the army headquarters in Han Pijesak in a three-week stand-

In his letter of resignation, Mladic set conditions aimed at protecting staff who had

He asked for guarantees that "the continuity of the Bosnian Serb Army will be ensured, serving soldiers could choose their futures and that families would be cared for.

He also demanded guarantees no inquiry would be launched against any soldier "who acted upon his orders" and that no action would be taken against any of them; Serb media reported\_

Analysts said Mladic's move was a victory for rival and fellow indicted war criminal Pale:

against the president.

Karadzic tried and failed to sack Mladic last year after army generals alleged political leaders were corrupt

Karadzic and Mladic are both wanted hy the UN war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

Mladic, a hero to many ordinary Bosnian Serbs, has been charged with genocide and crimes against humanity for his role in the siege of Sarajevo and the disappearance of up to 8,000 Moslems from the eastern Bosnian

town of Srebranica. The Dayton peace accord which ended Bosnia's 3-1/2 year war bars any person indicted for war crimes from holding office, and Mladic's continued role as head of the Bosnian Serb Army was a constant irritation to the international community.

Mladic is expected to stay in Bosnian Serb territory hecause not even neighboring Yugoslavia, which sponsored the Bosnian Serb army, can be seen to be harboring a war crimes suspect.



guerrillas. "We heard shellfire during the night towards nearby mountains,"

said one Blida resident. The Armed Islamic Group or

GIA - most feared of the country's e not to vote, threat ening to slit the throats of anyone who leaves home on referendum day.

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Three hours after polls opened nearly 23 percent of more than 16 million eligible voters had cast their hallots, Algerian Radio quoted the Interior Ministry as saying.

President Liaminc Zeroual, who cast his ballot at Ghazali school polling station near the presidential palace in Algiers, vowed to respect voters' decision on his proposed reforms.

"The Algerian people is sover-eign. Its will would be respected," a smilling Zeroual told reporters Foreign Minister Lena Hjelm-Wallen whom he met in after he voted amid tight security. Many voters were seen queuing **Hungary** grants outside polling stations in central Algiers, witnesses said by tele-

phone. Zeroual, a former army general. is hoping to match the 75 percent turnout reported in the election which endorsed him in office in last year.

## **Michael Bentine** of 'Goon Show' dead at 72

LONDON (AP) - Michael Bentine, one of the four original members of The Goon Show, has died at age 72. Bentine, who had been treated

for prostate cancer for the past four years, died at the Royal Marsden Hospital, a hospital spokesman said Wednesday. "When people hear you've got

cancer, they go, 'Oh my God,' but it's not all that bad," Bentine told the Daily Mail in 1994. "I've got an indolent carcinoma - a lazy bugger, like me." Bentine was the son of a Peruvian immigrant and a graduate

of Eton, Britain's prestigious prep school. He served with Bomber Command in World War II. He co-started with Peter Sellers,

Spike Milligan and Harry Secombe in Crazy People, which premiered in May 1951 on the BBC Home Service. It became The Goon Show in June 1952, and Bentine dropped out at the end of the year.

"While Spike Milligan was the abstract thinker, Michael Bentine on the other hand was a superb technician," said Denis Main Wilson, a BBC producer who was involved with the show. ٠.

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# JC extends Naziloot hunt to Sweden

STOCKHOLM (Reuter) - The Stockholm on Wednesday,

World Jewish Congress said yes-"If I didn't think there was someterday that the Swedish governthing left here I would not have ment would help it look for evicome. Yes, we do believe there is dence of unclaimed Jewish assets. money, even gold here," Singer possibly including looted gold, dating from World War II. told a news conference yesterday.

WJC president Edgar Bronfman Israel Singer, secretary-general of the WJC and chairman of the said during a meeting in Oslo this week that "a lot of money" had been deposited in banks in neutral World Jewish Restitution Organization, said he had received assurances of this from Swedish Sweden by victims of the Holocaust.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Staffan Bjorck said: "We were welcoming and positive and said we would help. The WJC has made no demands on Sweden, but we will meet them at the beginning of December to set the task and decide how it should be done." Singer said the task of winning

moral and material restitution to victims of the Holocaust was urgent, not least because the average age of survivors of Nazi German concentration camps in World War II was now 78.

This was a war not only about killing people hut also about taking their possessions," Singer said. "There were neutral countries which benefited from our deaths," he said, adding that Norway's response to WJC factfinding had been "remarkable" and Sweden's "satisfactory."

"The response of Switzerland leaves much to be desired," Singer said.

Former US Federal Reserve; Board Chairman Paul Volcker, who heads a commission probing . Swiss banks' cooperation with the Nazis in World War II, hriefed the WJC meeting in Oslo on the strat-egy of the commission.

# Argentina central bank turns over gold transfer records to Wiesenthal Center

BUENOS AIRES (AP) - The Central Bank has turned over archives covering several hundred World War II gold transfers from neutral European countries to Argentina, a Jewish official said Wednesday. Sergio Widder, local director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, said the records will be studied in Europe and the United States in an ongoing effort to track wealth stolen hy the Nazis from Holocanst victims,

Widder said the archives, consisting of five volumes containing approximately 400 transactions between 1939 and 1949, were turned over Tuesday by Central Bank Vice President Martin Lagos to Shimon Samuels, the Center's director for Europe and Latin America. Widder said the investigation also could clarify recurrent speculation

that former Argentine President Juan Peron and his popular second wife Eva may have been involved in the transfer of Nazi gold to Argentina.

PARIS (Reuter) - Striking truck drivers voted to keep up their 11-day stranglehold on the French economy yesterday, defying government calls to return to work after talks with bosses collapsed over pay demands. Truckers maintained almost 250 barricades on main roads and tightened a blockade of the oil industry after talks broke down around midnight. The strike has brought petrol rationing in some areas, closed factories and stranded hundreds of foreign trucks.

French truckers vote to extend strike



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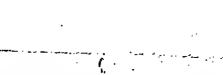
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# The Hebron talks – now and forever?

With each cry of 'foul.' the Hebron negotiations seem to stall. Jon Immanuel reports on the reasons behind the delay.

# THE Hebroo talks really began to smell bad early this week.

The stench began to overcome those inside the negotiating room and seep outside. Israeli and Palestinian teams were meeting, but they no longer had anything to say. Instead, both sides held their noses and sealed their lips. The point of the talks seemed to

be that the one who drew breath first would lose.

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat refused to make the coocession Israel demanded. Instead, he weot outside and yelled "foul." It was not the first time he had done so when talks did not go his way, but this time he did it systematically and with practical consequences.

At the end of last week, senior negotiator Yasser Abed Rabbo warned at a Ramallah press conference of "total confrontation by all means" if Israel did not change its "policy of confrontation." Arafat chaired a meeting of the PLO executive committee and the PA Cahinet which ordered the reclamation of land appropriated by settlemeots. And after a Sahbath day of rest, Palestinian police began the week by defying the Oslo demands for coordination and directing traffic ooto a Gaza road that had been closed by the IDF for the security of Netzarim settlers

On Monday chief Hebron negotiator Sach Erekat returned to negotiations to tell his counterparts apolice.

Dan Shomron that Israel's policies on settlements "would bury peace." All this had less to do with settlements - on which the government has been more verbal but no more practical than its predecessor - and much to do with Hebron. where the government was explicitly demanding the right of "free access" to the 80% of Hebron (known as H1) to be handed over to the Palestinian police. "Free access" is a radical read-

ing of the Oslo 2 agreement that arguably permits IDF access outside Israel's security zones,"when an act or incident requires such action," with a view to transferring responsibility "at the earliest opportunity" to the Palestinian

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Palestinians do not publicly accept this interpretation of the text. "It is taken out of context," Erekat says. He cites article 15, which calls on "both sides to take all measures occessary to prevent acts of terrorism directed against each other." Furthermore, the issue of "engagement" is oot a specific part of the Hebron guidelines but of the overall agreement, which could be read to mean that, in Hebron, the rules applying to Ramallah or Nablus do not automatically apply. However, this would oot be the

logical reading, since the Hebron guidelines are clearly meant to supplement the accord's security clauses because of the Israeli residents there; not reduce their security. Still, a senior government source admits, "We too thought the Hebron guidelines were in our favor when we<sup>1</sup> started, but the Palestinians, it turned out, thought they were in theirs."

Even if the PA is being illogical, Israel's own oegotiating strategy contributed to the stalemate. If the government had not opened the Hebron agreement for debatc, these issues might never have arisen. From the moment the government said it wanted to strengthen the Hebron agreement, it raised Palestinian suspicioos about its

commitment to the existing agree-When Arafat accepted the idea of IDF unilateral engagement, he understood that the government he

negotiated with a year ago would far prefer to coordinate than to send in soldiers. Coordination is the core of any agreement, especially the Oslo agreement. With the Netanyahu governmeot, Arafat was not so sure. He did not trust Netanyahu when he was elected, and he trusted him still less three mooths later.

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The government is short oo trust too. Its officials have said unilateral preemptive action was necessary so the PA would not tip off potential attackers. That is only a step away from suggesting that the police are the terrorists' accomplices, which is less than another step from saying the agreement is hardly worth the paper it's written on.

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with a blind eye. That is some-thing that only the intangible mat-ICr of trust can accommodate. Oslo 2 was supposed to show more trust than Oslo 1. Instead of

demanding extradition. Oslo 2 requires the PA "apprehend, investigate and prosecute perpetrators and all other persons directly or indirectly involved in acts of ter-rorism." That places more responsibility than before on the PA to ensure Israeli security, In the past Arafat has accepted

vague agreements so that his opponents could not accuse him of being stripped naked. Now he faces a government that wants to remove the vcil.

In the past, Arafat has made jihad speeches to restore his credibility among Palestinians, after he had already made concessions that shocked his aides. During the past two months he has made combative speeches and translated them into action precisely to prevent the government from forcing concessions on him. That is a crucial change.

Now it appears that Israel is backing away from its full demand for "free access." Palestinians are recognizing that Israel has the same right of engagement in Hebron as in Nablus (without defining that right), and that the definition of engagement would remain as fudged as the original Oslo framers decided it should be. If the talks are completed in the next week on this basis, can one name a winner?

The Palestinian Authority can say that it has conceded nothing that was not already in the Oslo agreement

Israel can say that by arguing over hot pursuit and IDF access in Hehron, it has ensured that the PA cannot say it was unaware of the govcrnment's interpretation of those issues - if and when Israel implements them.

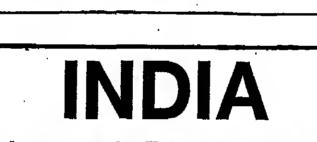
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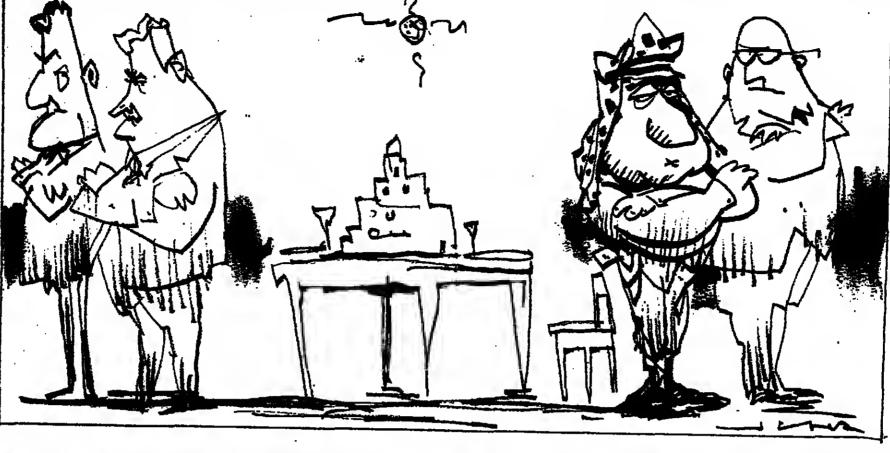
# Hot pursuit and free access

THAT does Oslo 2 say on hot pursuit and immediate vicinities, the Israeli authorities may carry out engagement steps in cases where an act or inciissue.

Chapter 2, article 10:4. states that "Israel shall continue to carry the responsibility for external security, as well as the responsibility for overall security of Israelis for the purpose of safeguarding their internal security and public order." This aids Israel's claim. Ch. 2. art. 15 says: "Both sides shall take all measures necessary in order to prevent acts of terrorism, crime and hostilities directed against each other, against individuals falling under the other's authority and against their property, and shall take legal Palestinian forces could enter together in joint mobile measures against offenders." This was much used by units to deal with terrorism against Israelis from H1. Palestinians to show each side is to take care of its own side without crossing the security dividing lines. Annex 1 art. 2.c calls on Palestinian police to uations, in order to ensure free, unimpeded and secure movement along their designated routes of activity, or in their areas of activity." acts of terrorism, violence and incitement." Annex 1 art. 11:3a allows for Israeli engagement defined as "an immediate response to an act or incident constituting a danger to life or property, that is aimed at preventing or terminating such an act or incident, or at apprehending its perpetrators." Art. 11.3.b.: "Within the territory under the securi-

out engagement steps in cases where an act or incident requires such action. In such cases, the Israeli authorities will take any measures necessary to bring to an end such an act or incident with a view to transferring, at the earliest opportunity, the continued han-





ty responsibility of the [Palestinian] council, in places where Israeli authorities exercise their security functions in accordance with this annex and in their

dling of the incident falling within the Palestinian responsibility to the Palestinian police. The Palestinian police will immediately be notified, through the relevant DCO, of such engagement

Palestinians suggested at one point that Israeli and But annex 1, article 3:5 states the function of the joint mobile units is limited and will "provide rapid response in the event of incidents and emergency sit-

activity, or in their areas of activity." This leaves annex 1 art. 7, which is called "Guidelines for Hebron." This mostly spells out the differences between Hebron and other Palestinian towns turned over to the Palestinian Authority. It does not mention engagement, but repeats the wording of ch. 2. 10:4 that "Israel will continue to carry the responsibility for overall security of Israelis." It even permits Palestinian police to act "outside this area," that is, H1, after coordination with the DCO in an apparent gesture of reciprocity.

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Palestinian negotiator argued.

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# Heading toward disaster

For several years, Yigal Carmon was seen as the prophet of doom who warned that the Oslo accords would lead to Israel's demise. Today, Binyamin Netanyahu is prime minister and Carmon says he's shocked that the Likud premier is continuing down the Oslo path. Carmon, 51, who served as counterter-

rorism adviser under prime minister Yitzhak Shamir and Yitzhak Rabin and was a member of the 1992 Israeli negoriating learn with Syria, has taken off the gloves toward Netanyahu, whom he consulted with when the Likud was in opposition.

Although he has served less than six months as premier, Netanyahu is more than a disappointment to Carmon. His policies, he says, are dangerous. Carmon's views are echoed privately by many Likud and coalition MKs and even among some who work with the prime minister, who privately consult with Carmon on Palestinian issues.

Carmon says he's disgusted hy what he calls Netanyahu's new approach to the Hebron talks, where after months of negotiations the government has conceded on its demand to allow the IDF to pursue terrorists inside the PA-controlled portions of the city.

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"His behavior is dangerous to Israel's security because he is educating the Arahs that [if they use] force, violence and pres-sure he will force us to knuckle under," he says. For Carmon, who remains close to senior government officials, including several ministers, the alarm bells went off immediately following Netanyahu's eleclion.

"There is a problem with a prime minister whose deeds are not connected to his words," Carmon says in his Jerusalem apartment. "When he says reciprocity and a day after the elections, he ignores all of the PLO violations, there is a problem."

Fluent in Arabic, Carmon, who spent years in military intelligence and also served as deputy head of the Civil Administration in Judea and Samaria, points to a report in the Jordanian daily al-Dustaur. After the elections, Netanyahu ordered Dore Gold to telephone the PLO's Mahmoud Abhas, otherwise known as Ahu Mazen. The message, the newspaper said, was that the program of the new government would not be that of the Likud's anti-Oslo electoral campaign.

Gold, al-Dustaur reported, asked the PLO to stop expressing suspicion that Netanyahu would end the peace process, and in return, the Likud would stop criticizing the Oslo agreements. In additioo, Netanyahu pledged to continue all of the tracks of the Middle East negotiations, including those with Syria. The PLO executive committee, wor-

# Netanyahu is going down a dangerous path, says Yigal Carmon, a leading critic on the right. Steve Rodan reports

ried over the results of the elections, was then meeting and consideriog sending [Netanyahu] congratulations, Bibi Carmon, recalling the al-Dustaur report, says. "When they saw the message to Abu Mazen, they understood that there is no need to be forthcoming anymore. The government committed itself to Oslo on condition. But it discarded the condition." Privately, some Labor Party sources agree that despite their badgering, Netanyahu met Arafat far too early in his premiership. "Rabin believed io dealing with Arafai when he was weak," a Labor Party source active in security issues says. "Bibi met Arafat right at the beginning and gave him the legitimacy that increased Arafat's strength without getting hack anything in return."

The result, Carmon says, is that the Netanyahu government is losing its credibility on all fronts. Take the pledge by the Likud leader for a different approach on Palestinian terrorism than the cooperation with the Palestioian Authority stressed by Peres and Rabio. "There is no change," Carmon says.

The last government accepted the PLO-Hamas dialogue, support and joint cooperatioo. If there was something in the Peres government which was most destructive in the battle against terrorism it was the acceptance of the PLO-Hamas accord. They denied the existence of the January 21 agreement. The current government doesn't deny it. It does worse. It accepts it."

The response by the prime minister's office to Yigal Carmon's assertions was brief. "These are wild accusations and they do not merit a response," David Bar-Illan, director of policy planning and communications in the Prime Minister's Office. savs.

Carmon dismisses the assertion of General Security Services chief Ami Ayalon that Israel has significaotly increased its effectiveness against Palestinian terrorism. He also rejects the explanations of Islamic terrorist leaders that the PA bas foiled terrorist attempts.

"Arafat succeeded in reaching an uoderstanding with Hamas," Carmon says. "He says there is a dialogue. We have a decision. The understanding is that the PA leads the struggle and if they don't get what they'll want, they'll go together. And after the Al Aksa hattles, he was proud of it. What Islamic Jibad and Hamas are giving as reasons for not carrying out terrorist attacks sounds like an

agreed-upon pretext to help out Arafat, who is releasing the organizations' mem-bers, with the Israelis."

Carmon is convinced that Netanyahu simply doesn't have a policy. He recalls Netanyahu boasting to the Likud Central Committee last summer how he refused to meet Arafat until his conditioos were fulfilled. When Arafat and Netanyahu finally met in September, Carmon realized that the prime minister bad met Arafat's demands. These included Israeli pledges to implement Palestinian safe passage of vehicles and people between the West Bank and Gaza, the construction of a Gaza airport and a guarantee that Israel woold oegotiate on the final status of the territories.

When I hear the prime minister say everything he does is planoed, it's clear that it's all improvised," Carmon, who speaks to a soft and plaintive tone, says. 'I see no policy. Bibi demanded safe passage, prisoner release, Dahania airport as his conditions to meet Arafat? This is planning? The level of planning is a sad joke. I think the lack of policy is oot a matter of advisers. It is a reflection of the prime minister."

Carmon has a list of examples of what he says represents Netanyahu's waffling. One of his favorites regards a recent meetiog between Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani and the PA's Faisal Husseini, who is entrusted with Jerusalem affairs by the PA. "They agreed to maintain an open line oo eastern Jerusalem," Carmoo recalls. "Isn't the municipality responsible for a united Jerusalem? This is an open line to divide Jerusalem. And where is Bihi? He says nothing. He lets it go."

For Carmon, the Israeli-Palestinian accords are certain disaster for the Jewish state. The basis for the agreements is that Israel thought it could solve relatively minor disputes with the Palestinians and leave the crucial ones for later - in the bope that this would create an atmosphere of trust.

"The Peres people tried to solve the 1967 problems with the PLO, which represeots the insoluble problems of 1948. They thought that the Palestinians would discard the 1948 problems. They haven't, The Palestioians today have four

hasic demands: self-determination, a Palestinian state, Jerusalem, and the right of return into pre-1967 Israel. Self-determination is the right of people

they live. This means if there are Arahs in Galilee the right to self-determioa-tion applies to them as well. This has greater ramifications than their demand for an internationally recognized Palestinian state. So, uolike the assessment of the Peres people, this process does not end with a Palestinian state and Jerusalem."

Carmon understood Netanyaho's elecloral campaign, in which he announced that he accepted the Oslo accords but would press for Palestinian implementation of their commitments. What worries him is that despite the prime minister's rhetoric, Israel is heading toward an agreement with the PA on Hebron without the Palestinians hoooring their previous commitmeets. The result is that the US and the West are becoming convinced that Israel will continue to concede territory regardless of whether it gains peace.

"Duriog the election campaign, the Likud changed its position to one of conditiocal acceptance of Oslo," Carmon says. "I think that this conditional acceptance can preveot us from a confrontation with the international community. I think the world, however, is stunned that Bihi. doesn't insist on the conditions.

"I think the Left knows Bibi changed his views totally although they won't admit to it in order to increase the pressure." The lesson has not been lost oo the Palestinians or the other Arabs.

For Carmon, the most stuoning gesture came at the end of the September meeting with US President Bill Cliotoo, King Hussein and Arafat at the White House. Netanyaho clasped Arafat's hand, called him a friend and partner and pledged to continoe the Hehron talks.

At that momeot, Carmon says, Netanyahu lost his moral standing. "How could Bihi have called Arafai a parmer and friend in Washington while the blood of 16 Israeli soldiers was still fresh and he knew from the intelligence services that this man was responsible for the attacks?" he asks. "As the father of a son in the army, I was shocked. It was as if Bihi had accepted the Palestinian. cold-blooded murder as a legitimate response to the opening of the tunnel."

The Arahs concluded quickly, Carmon says, that the PA police of at least 30,000 officers augmented by tens of thousands of others with firearms, can be a significant force in any future Arab-Israeli war. "Arah aod Palestinian military analysts say there bas been a strategic change for the first time in 50 Carmoo says. years,"

"And that is that within Israel there is now a Palestinian force capable of creating damage and tying up large amounts of Israeli troops. Self-determination is the right of people This might be the 50 grams that would change to determine their destion wherever the Arab-Israeli strategic balance in their favor."



Carmon: As if Bibi accented cold-blooded murder Understanding the Arabs

YIGAL Carmon, who now spends much of his time heading a group called Palestinian Media Review, which monitors Palestioian electron-ic and print media, says the Arab media have become more sophisticated today than during the 1950s. Then they mostly repeated the cry of throwing the Jews into the sea. But now as then the Arab media are an indicator of the direction a regime is heading.

"The media are the tool of the regime," he says. "All the Arab media receive instructions on what to write on political issues, directly and indirectly. Wheo it comes to what the regime expresses, it is done in the most uncritical and authoritative way possible.

When Carmon began recording and distributing Palestinian television more than two years ago, be was ignored. Then-foreign minister Shimon Peres suggested that the video footage of Arafal praising Hamas suicide attackers and calling for jihad, or holy war, against Israel either didn't exist or was staged. Eventually, Peres acknowledged that the PA chief was saying such things.

'Jihad can be interpreted in a metaphorical sense," says Carmon. "Bot Arafat in his speeches chooses the interpretation he wants when he says jihad through martyrdom. Arafat is specific. It has one meaning. As [Hehrew University professor Yehoshua] Porat says there is no way to liberate Jerusalem with a jihad that means the cleansing of the

"All of Arafat's disconrses are from the Koran. He recites the passages of the Koran used by Mujahadeen from Afghanistan to Algeria. God has bought from the believers their souls and property for they shall inherit paradise. They shall fight for the cause of Allah and they shall kill and be killed.' He has adopted the language of the Hamas." Intelligence and Arab-affairs experts agree that such rhetoric cannot be dismissed but are divided whether it should be taken literally. "I would say that 40 to 50 percent of what Arafat says must be taken seriously," Ya'acov Perry, former GSS chief, says. "When Arafat talks about Jerusalem then he is to be taken at face value.'

Carmon says that we know the Arab mentality well enough to understand the meaning of these broadcasts. "We understand them. The key problem is the understanding by our leaders. There is no substitute for the need of our leaders to understand history.

"When Peres says you can't learn from history, it's a tragedy. When Bihi doesn't learn from this, the tragedy continues. We understand the Arabs hut many of us come with a myriad of arguments that makes us lose the significance of what they say."

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# He's the one who's not a household name

# Tom Tugend profiles Joel Singer, the little-known, yet key, player behind the Oslo accords

N August 1993, while the topsecret Oslo negotiations between Israel and the PLO were in their final stages, then foreign minister Sbimon Peres and Joel Singer flew to a hush-hush meeting with vacationing US Christopher. The two Israelis suggested that the Oslo accord on mutual recog-nition between Israel and the PLO would win widest acceptance if it were presented as an American

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immediately accept. "Christopher turned us down on the grounds that an American sec-retary of state does not tell lies," says Singer. Even so, the bistoric Declaration of Principles was

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initiative, which both sides would Arafat.

Joel Singer is hardly a bousehold name, but for the last 18 years, the 46-year-old Israeli attorney bas played a crucial, though largely off-stage role in all





signed in a White House ceremony two weeks later, with Singer standing next to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin as be initialed the agreement, together President Clinton and Chairman

1978 Camp David accord with Egypt to more recent arbitrations at Taba. Born in Tel Aviv, and a graduate of Tel Aviv University's law school, Singer joined the Israeli Defense Force in the early 1970s with

and soon was named director of the IDF's international law department. Until 1989, when he resigned

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with the rank of colonel, Singer served as a non-political expert oo security and international affairs under six Israeli defense minis-

During that time, "I wrote twothirds of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty," Singer says. He followed this up as a key player in agreements with Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, and in economic and political negotiations with many other countries and international organizations.

After he left the IDF, Singer accepted an offer from the Washington-hased international



law firm of Sidley & Austin. His main portfolio was as legal representative of Israel's Defense Ministry in the United States, and in that position he helped negotiate the US-Israel strategic cooperation agreement.

The most dramatic turn in Singer's career opened in May 1993, when he received a phone call in his Washington office from Shimon Peres. The Israeli foreign minister asked Singer to fly to Jerusalem for a one-day review of some secret proposals which had

Foreign minister Shimon Peres signs peace agreements September 13, 1993, on the South Lawn of the White House. Looking on are former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, President Bill Clinton and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat - and Singer.

officials in Oslo. Although Singer criticized some parts of the proposals, he judged that the PLO was a serious negobeen hammered out by two Israeli tiator and that the contacts should academicians and three top PLO be continued.

> Barely returned to Washington, Sioger got another call from Peres, asking him to meet with Prime Minister Rabin and then to

between Jerusalem and Oslo as the newly appointed legal adviser to the foreign ministry.

Of the sleepless summer months in 1993, while PLO and Israeli negotiators were hammering out an agreement, Singer recalls one cliffhanger in particular.

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remained in dispute. To break the deadlock, Peres flew to Stockholm and secretly asked the Norwegian foreign minister to join him.

Around midnight, Norwegian and Swedisb foreign ministers arrived at the back door of the guest house where Peres was staying and the area was sealed off, eveo to other members of Peres's entourage. A telephone link was estab-

lished between Stockholm and Tunis, where Arafat and his top advisors manned the other end of the line.

For the next five hours, until 5 a.m., Singer recalls, "I conducted the negotiations. Peres caught some sleep, hut I woke him up twice to get his opinion."

As a man in the thick of Israel's most momentous diplomatic efforts under administrations ranging from prime ministers Menachem Begin to Rabin, Singer is in an exceptional position to comment on the different negotiating approaches of the Likud and Labor governments and on the future prospects of the Oslo agreements.

Though their actual differences are not that great, Labor and Likud view an ultimate settlement with the Palestinians from different perspectives," says Singer,

"Labor wants to separate Israe] from densely populated Arab areas and is willing to give up territory to do so, while Likud views this more as a security issue and wants a close linkage between Israel, the West Bank and Gaza."

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FEATURES The angry face of the Sphinx

Border skirmishes and the burning of Israeli flags could result from the growing Egyptian hostility towards Israel, according to Professor Yoram Meital. David Rudge reports

colossal Sphinx near the pyra-mids at Giza was capable of expressing the feelings of the moment in Egypt, its brow would no doubt be creased in a frown. Perplexity, concern, and even anger would be the emotions delineated on the features of the statue of a man's head on a lion's body. The Sphinx, however, has remained unchanged in its equanimity over the millennia. The same cannot be said of relations between Egypt and Israel - espe-

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cially not at this juncture in time. The prevailing mood in Egypt, according to some analysts, is such that the future of the 17-yearold peace treaty, which heralded a new epoch of hope after decades of strife, might be in jeopardy. Dr. Yoram Meital, from the department of Middle Eastern Studies at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and a leading expert on Egypt, is among those who are concerned about current trends in the land of the Pyramids and where they might lead. Meital views the caustic attacks

in the Egyptian press on the government of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, and other recent events, as signs of the crisis in relations that has developed over the past few months, and appears to be steadily worsening. According to Meital, the heart of the problem, from Egypt's point of

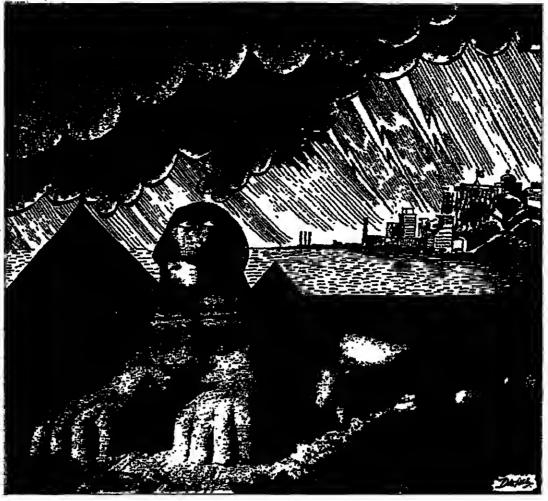
f the stone-carved face of the view, lies in the stalemate in the peace process. Egypt, as the lead-ing proponent of Arab interests, has publicly committed itself to promoting the process on all froots, and particularly the Palestinian and Syrian-Lebanese tracks.

"Against this background, rela-tions between Egypt and Israel have reached crisis points in the past – notably during the Lebanon war and the intifada," said Meital. "The opening of the Oslo talks, however, and subsequent signing of agreements, contributed a great deal to improving these between deal to improving ties between Cairo and Jerusalem

"Even though the Egyptians had reservations about Israel's perceived role in the new Middle East vision of the previous govern-ment, they believed that the peace train was on the right track." Since the elections, Egypt's atti-

tude towards Israel has taken a decided turn for the worse - primarily because of what the leadership there sees as the provocative policies and statements of the Netanyahn government.

"The Egyptians tried to give the new government a chance, and the prime minister was invited for talks with President Hosni Mnbarak," said Meital. "Following that meeting, relations between the two countries have deteriorated sharply and Mubarak has stated, more than once, that he



feels he was berrayed by Netanyahu over the latter's promises to push forward the Jerusalem.

neace proces Instead, the Egyptians have seen delays in the peace process which lead them to believe that the govemment in Israel is merely trying to buy time, as well as statements regarding expansion of settle-

ments in the territories and on the Golan, and about the unity of A reassessment of the simation

has taken place in Egypt, and there is the feeling now that the present government is trying to change the track of the peace train and load it with a different, and from Egypt's point of view, unacceptable,

cargo," said Meital. He poted that Egypt's considerations were also based on its own vital national interests and not only its image and status in the Arab world.

> "The peace process was supposed to bring stability to the region, as well as to all the sides involved in the Arab-Israel conflict," said Meital. "The feeling

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amoog the decision-makers in Egypt is that if the present trend continues, the two pillars of peace - certainty and stability - will be rocked to their foundations.

This has serious ramifications for Egypt itself, which only now is beginning to feel the benefits of an economic resurgence following all the reforms and changes that were implemented after the Gulf war.

"Inflation has dropped and for-eign investment is increasing, while the Egyptian pound and the country's balance of payments

have stabilized. "The Egyptians are concerned that a continuation of the stalemate in the peace process will lead to a deterioration in the situation of the region generally, which, in hm, would adversely effect the prospects of Egypt's own economie development. "A collapse of this process is

something the Egyptians would want to avoid at all costs because of its potential effect on the regime itself."

For these reasons, Meital is concerned that the present crisis in Egyptian-Israeli relations cannot be dismissed, as some analysts and politicians have done, as just another "passing cloud." This is minimizing the situation, because this crisis, at this particular time, is far more complicated and sensitive than those that have occurred in the past, he said.

Meital believes the attacks on the government in the Egyptian press, the warnings by senior Egyptian officials of freezing normalization of ties with Israel if new settlemeots are established, and even the aggression of Egypt's handball team in its "game" with Israel's national squad, are symptoms of the ailing reladons. In his opinion, the rhetoric is likely to increase if the deadlock in the peace process continues, and

Egypt will intensify its efforts in the diplomatie arena – especially with the US – to depict Israel as the "bad boy" of the Middle East.

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"The elections in the US are over and the Egyptians will be pressing the old-new administration of President Bill Clinton to adopt a firmer attitude towards continuation of the Middle East peace process - especially regard-ing Israel's statements over enlargement of settlements and the unity of Jerusalem," said Meital.

"We can expect to see Egypt being very active, in an imaginative way, on the international stage, particularly in the UN, and with the US and the Arab nations.

"Egypt will undoubtedly try 10 persuade the Americans that their own interests in the Middle East generally could be threatened in the event of instability resulting from the stalemate in the peace process. If the deadlock persists, then relations with Israel are likely to deteriorate, with the prospect of more rhetoric in the press which in turn could lead to anti-Israel demonstrations in the streets and even the burning of the Israeli flag. There might even be inci-dents on the border.

"There is also the possibility, after exhausting all diplomatic and political avenues, that Egypt might decide on a partial or full break in ties - starting with calling back its ambassador for consultations

"If the escalation were to contin ue, it could lead to the collapse of all that has been attained so far and even to military confrontation. I don't see Egypt declaring a state of war tomorrow, and certainly not until all other avenues have been exhausted, but in the long term, if no progress is made towards a comprehensive peace. such a prospect cannot be ruled out completely."

IDF finds a willing soldier ... in Chile

, OR months, as we watch motivation steadily drop, the focus has been on the growing number of Israeli youth evading military service or opting for noncombat tasks. But there are those who are highly motivated and willing not only to serve in elite forces, but who have left their families and homes abroad and come to Israel to," defend the state.

Camp Bezek is the ampit of the IDF corpus. Its squat, dull-colored barracks permeate little warmth. Cypress trees, their trunks painted white, creak and moan and sway like soldiers on guard duty. This time of the year, its broken cement paths are often scuffed with that sticky Samarian mud, and the only color besides fatigue green to be found is on the parade ground - and

# While motivation in the army is at an ebb. Arieh O'Sullivan met three immigrant -lone soldiers: whose Mil to defend is second to none

He invested a year and a half studying Hebrew so he would be able to "fit in." "I knew that in order to be in the IDF I would have to think in Hebrew," he says, adding that he saw military service as a gateway to a successful absorption into Israeli society. "I know guys who came to Israel, did

an attached grenade launcher over his shoulder, and holding the hand of his girlfriend, Galemiri nonchalantly strolls into Tel Aviv's Beit Sokolov building before heading back to his base after a weekend leave. He kisses her goodbye. "I don't feel I am better than anyone. Perhans I have, more motivation because I wasn's born here," says versity after a year of studies to

come to Israel and join the army. friend in a rented flat in Tel Aviv. Galemiri was accepted into the elite "Chan" demolition unit of the Before joining the army be worked at MeDonald's. They plan to settle Golani Brigade. Grunau got into in Israel and raise a family. But duty called first, he says. "I don't like it when someone is defending "Orev," the anti-tank reconnais-sance unit. All belong to the anny classification of "lone soldiers," soldiers who have no close relatives in the country. The loneliness was most felt during IDF ceremonies, such as when they were sworn into the Golani Brigade. While parents, grandparents and siblings of their sabra counterparts flooded the base, bearing sweets and baskets of food, no one came for them. "I had the wrong army address. I had a lot of things sent to me [from Canada] but I didn't get any of them. It is all floating around somewhere and I'm sure someone else has had a good feast, but not me," says Grunau. THE IMMIGRANT soldiers are older and more mature than their Israeli counterparts, and in many instances, they are older than their commanders as well. It's awkward. It's sometimes embarrassing. But they find they cope better since they've cut the umbilical cord way before their platoon mates. The Israeli mothers do everything for their kids. Suddenly our commanders are telling them they are nothing, insignificant, and that breaks them. I've been away from my family for a long time. I am not homesick," says Weisman, who has a twin brother in college in the US. "He doesn't understand my motivation. He couldn't. He's never been here Grunan says being the "grandfa-ther" of his platoon had its draw-backs. "They think it's kind of funny that this guy from Canada joins them in the dirt. They joke about it, but they definitely respect and appreciate it, and in a way get a boost that there are people like me," he says. The hard part comes when they go bome on leave. Where many sabra soldiers dump

IDF extends 'lone soldiers' a helping hand

THERE are 3,000 "lone soldiers" in the IDF, according to the army spokesman. A "lone soldier" is one with oo immediate family in the country. Since this essentially means having oo parents or older siblings here, most are young, single new immigrants.

Immigrant soldiers are dispersed throughout IDF units, and perceived knowledge of the army, which amongst Israeli-born 18-year-olds is conventional wisdom, often determines the units they choose to serve in

"Rambo"-style action is seen as characteristic of Golani, and service with the paratroopers is also highly respected because of their involvement in the 1967 liberation of the Old City, providing a sense of pride which is often the source of these immigrants' voluntary participation in the IDF.

Nahal was traditionally the unit which was most ideological, and many new immigrants chose to serve in it. Yet today, group consolidation in terms

through their own volition, is rumored to be the highest in the IDF.

The IDF is aware of the difficulties, and therefore grants a "lone soldier" certain rights, but in actuality, they may find that logistics and circumstance (or just unsympathetic officers) may prevent them from receiving these rights. A "lone soldier" cams NIS 500 a month, twice the

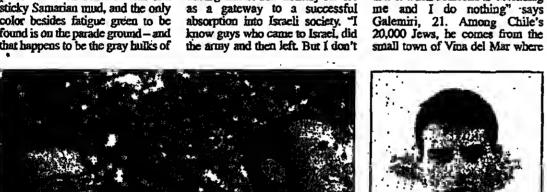
regular soldier's salary. He or she is partially reimbursed the rent for an apartment, if the option to be adopted by a kibbutz or a family has not been taken

As well as a free day every two months to sort out personal matters, the "lone soldier" is given a 21day leave per service year to go abroad and visit his or her family. And worried pareots can keep a slightly closer tab on their serving children, courlesy of a himonthly three-minute international phone call paid for by the IDF.

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(From left): Chilean Rodrigo Galemiri, Canadian David Peter Grunan and American Paul Weisman stick it out despite loneliness. Says Galemiri: 'A soldier who isn't scared is not really a good soldier, because he isn't thinking.'

Soviet-built armor and heavy want just that." weapons taken as war booty from Beinut in 1982 back to this base, home to the crack Golani Brigade.

It lies in a horseshoe-shaped valley southeast of Jenin, and should one care to look up, the Hills of Gilead are m the east. But for recruits, the surrounding hills are meant for climbing, usually with a duffel bag, or two, on their backs, and tent-poles in their hands, to rebuild their camps on the peaks, in the Golani method of instilling dis-

Life is no picnic at Camp Bezek. It's a long way from Cleveland, Ohio, hometown of Paul Weisman, one of the newest members of the Golani Brigade. On orders, he breaks from his formation on the parade ground and double times over to a patch of grass to talk about his route to this particular site in the Promised Land. "I decided to make aliya after high school," says Weisman, who turned 21 last month. "My parents wanted me to go to college, but I knew I wanted to be here.

For Weisman, Camp Bezek was only temporary. He says he was determined to succeed in the army and aspires to be like his officers. "These guys are real fighters," says Weisman, who originally wanted to join the paratroopers but changed his mind after hearing stories of Golani heroism. He wore a ribbon which he says he received for being best shot in the company.

David Peter Grunau, 24, from Vancouver, Canada, has a university degree in math. He could be in medical school now, but instead he is crawling around in the mud of basic training. Fellow platoon mates remind him of this and he tells them they are absolutely right. "We laugh at it because it does seem a ridiculous situation at times," Grunau says. "To tell you the truth, I don't necessarily plan to spend the rest of my life here. Coming and joining the Israeli army was an important thing for me to do," he says. "Afterwards I plan to go back to study medicine in

Canada."

Grunau, a tall young man with a quick smile, was a member of the Habonim youth movement in Vancouver, and says he wasn't the first in his community to find his way into the IDF. 'I am certainly not a pioneer in terms of the circle I grew up with. But there are not too many of us," he says. Coming to Israel because he has a debt to pay to the Jewish nation "sounds a bit

comy, but there is definitely some sort of muth in that. But I don't how I'd word that and keep a straight face," he says. "I think it is very important. There are elements of a real challenge in being able to overcome the language barrier, my age, and everything else. The bottom line is I think it is necessary." Rodrigo Galemiri, from Chile,

lives with his South American girl-

there are only 400 Jews. He has two years to serve. "Among my friends in Chile we would say either the paratroopers or Golani. I read books and I decided Golani," Galemini says.

THERE IS no shortage of volumteers for Golani, but this secular American, Canadian and Chilean stand out. They not only volunteered for a combat unit, but have made it to elite companies in the brigade. Weisman's commanding officer, Lt. Zohar, spoke highly of "my American." saying be was quick to help and caught on quickly. "But be's a bit of a Rambo. He's seen too many movies," the young ientenant says.

As Golani soldiers, Grimau, Galemini and Weisman will most likely find themselves based, at one point, in Lebanon - Israel's last active front. It is here, where there is the possibility of anned confrontation with a deadly enemy, that they will put into practice what they are being taught now.

Is that first firefight something young men anxiously await? "Every time I go home I ask myself whether I should continue or not. I always come to the conclusion that I do have to go on, and that I am satisfied. If I have to die for the country I will die. Of course I am scared. A soldier who isn't scared is not really a good soldier, because he isn't thinking," says Galemin. Toting his M-16 assault rifle with

supermarket before it closes for Shabbat David studied Hebrew at ulpan Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael for four months, before being drafted for the 18 months he has to serve. He acknowledges that he still hasn't mastered the language, but says the army must have thought it was good enough to conscript him. The immigrants still count in their mother tongues and as for the languages in their dreams: "We don't get enough sleep to dream,'

Grunau says. Grunau's grandfather died during basic training and he was allowed to return for the week of shiva. It took a lot of motivation to return to the mud of Bezek from the tempting comfort of Vancouver. "A trip

of army absorption is more common through service in the hesder army-yeshiva program.

And whilst some immigrants who, when entering the army, are already older than their commanding officers, often prefer to serve in non-combat units, the average level of motivation amongst "lone soldiers," in particular those who moved to Israel

plane counting the hours till I had to be back on base, but there was never any doubt that I wouldn't return," he says.

Galemiri ripped a cartilage in basic training and could have lowered his medical profile and been can contribute to the defense of the

in the middle of basic training isn't excused from combat duty. But the state. "As a grain of sand in the the healthiest of times. I was in the desire to stay in Golani pushed him sea," Grunau says. "Everything Grunau wanted to be a medic, but was given the "Mag" heavy machine gun instead. Weisman was the crack shot of his platoon. In their small way, they feel they

Shekem company give "lone soldiers" presents twice a year, and the association also provides free accommodation and meals for them in soldier's hostels around the country. Despite this care, however, not all soldiers are joking when they label themselves not as "lone," but as "lonely." - Daniel J. Chalfen

to cope with the discomfort. clse is necessary. But it's like a movie. You have the actors and then the camera crew and everyone else that make it all possible. You can't have one without the other, but the key of the army is the fighters."

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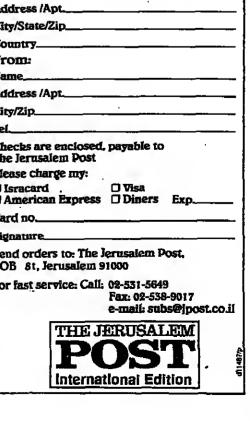
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# **The Illegal Camera: Candid shots** of the Nazi regime

N the last week of its sixmooth tour at the Jewish Museum in New York City, the photographs of the exhibit

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> teristic simplicity and understatedness, evoke a different kind of nalism was compulsory memhorror: the realization of what daily life was like under occupatioo.

This collection of mostly black-and-white pictures is oamed after The Hiddeo Camera," an exhibitioo produced immediately after the libration of the Netherlands by a

authorities, Dutch publications resourceful, determined photogwill appear without any prior raphers.

The license to practice jourbership of the Union of Dutch Journalists (VNJ), which excluded Jews. Soon, all photographers were included in this edict - it was as if, for the Nazis, there were oo photos, as if it was

oot h pening. Forbidden subjects included obstructed by wayward phone action so reprehensible that it

### AMY KLEIN

Hague with a camera hiddeo in a cheese container which had the word "Komeet" writteo on it.

Leica lens. Others, like Ed Van Wijk, took pictures from window ledges or

photos of Jews or half-Jews, wires, or skewed from the angle was worth capturing on film.

most of these pictures, such as a group of people walking on a bright sunny day, or a girl waving up to her friend from a

"The Illegal Camera: censorship: This lenieot press. Some photographers hid their hustling courtyard hetween Photography in the Netherlands, policy thowever, stemands the owcameras, file Meno Huizinga, apartment buildings, in the during the German Occupation absolute loyal predisposition of who took 134 pictures of the unnerving – the people are Jews. (1940-1945)," in their uncharace "I'the publishers and editors." evacuation and demolition of the unknowingly being rounded up. The girl was soon to die in

Auschwitz. Even the truly mundane - a The hole punched through the man selling newspapers oo a letter "o" made way for the snowy day, a row of cars being transported to Germany - convey the message: There was a vencer of "life goes on," but behind windows - pictures these photographers found every





group of underground photographers in Amsterdam, who had come together in 1944. They are among the photographers of this exhibition, which also includes pictures from around the Netherlands by people whose method of resistance was their photography.

One of the first things the Nazis did when they invaded the Netherlands oo May 10, 1940, was to set up their process of Gleichschaltung - the penetra-tion of Nazi-ideology into all Dia arcas of national life.

DI "During a war, news should be given out for instruction rather than information," Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda minister, once said.

In the Netherlands, this policy was implemented within days of the invasion. First, Jewish members of the Netherlands Press Agency were fired. Next, the Dutch press was forced to publish on the front page: "During the occupation by the military

photos that showed compassion for Jews, photographs of people of mixed blood and colored people, and photos of people hostile to the Axis powers. Photos of American movie

stars were also forbidden, as were those of Freoch and Belgian fashioo, photos and drawings romanticizing English history, and any photos takeo by Jewish press agencies including the archives.

Landscapes, ports, pho-tographs of a general nature, and pictures that portrayed the "goodness" of the Nazi Empire were considered very desirable,

and as the war progressed, were the only ones published. It became nearly impossible to take pictures. Aside from the fact that permissible subjects were sparse, one coold get arrested for roaming the streets

with a camera in search of a tures - most of which Jewish photo-op. Also, shortages of photos and film stock material prisoners had takeo under orders by the Nazis. impeded all hot the most

The only subject of which picof an inconvenient hiding place. The subjects of the photures move beyond this surrealtographs catalog different aspects of the war. war operations - such as the picture of confiscated bicycles or church bells being stolen; German

occupation - street scenes of passers-hy with Nazi propaganda lining the hillboard hackdrop, German soldiers searching for hidden Jews, a broken window of a Jewish pharmacist, arrests and executions; Resistance

activities - forging papers, lie-gal radio transmissions and hiding Jews. In a country that lost the highest percentage of Jews in Western Europe (80-90% of the 100,000 Jews had been killed in the war), the pietures are remarkably devoid of the grotesque violence and mutilation that typifies Holocaust pic-

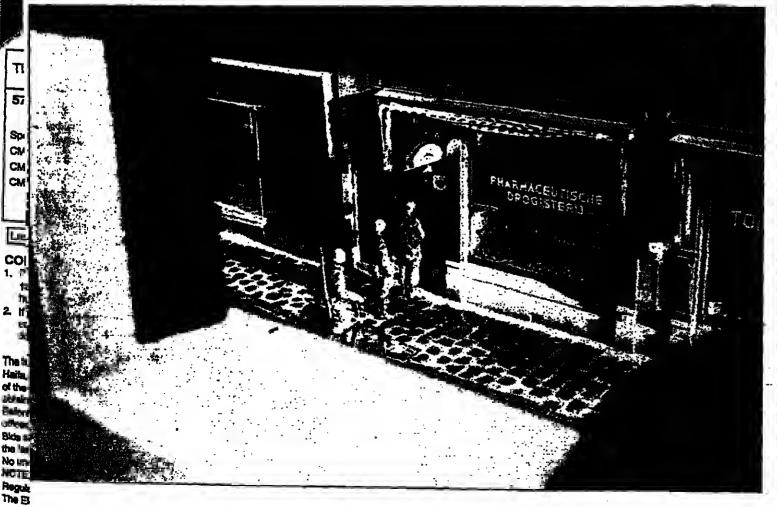
ism, and to the shocking, is of the "Hunger Winter." In the winter of 1945, the western part of Holland was completely eot off from the rest of the world, and it was estimat-ed that 15,000 people died of starvatioo.

The pictures of this period show bony heggar children, bodies lining the streets, and Cas Oorthoys's oow famoos photo, "Starving Woman." It is rumored that these clandestine photographs, smuggled out to the Dutch government in exile, convinced the British government to airlift food.

All of the photographs - faraway shots, on rooftops, on windowsills, with half-fallen shadows, or into the sun - are still crisp, professional work taken in less than the best circumstances. They have the look and feel of being taken on the run, in hid-It is the very ordinariness of ing, quickly, and illegally.

From starting simplicity to shocking (clockwise from top left): Resistance Lambers hide a cache of weapons beneath a tollet in 1945, by Cas Oorthuy; the same photographer's 'Starving Woman,' taken in the brutal winter of 1945; Fritz Kahlenberg's study of Adam van Rijsewijk, shown oper-ating the radio from the secret attic at 36 Michelangelo Street in Amsterdam, which served as Resistance headquarters and was the birthplace of 'The Illegal Camera.' Van Rijsewijk was secretly dropped into the Netherlands to communicate with London via the radio; Charles Breijer's photo of a flower-seller and passing German officer; Ed Van Wijk's photo, taken secretly from behind a window, reveals Nazi soldiers searching for a hidden Jew. (Courtesy of the Jewish Museum in New York)





## COLUMNS

# 'National Geographic' should stay out of politics

F it had only happened once that National Geographic published a photo-laden article on the Middle East espousing anti-Israel themes, its 10 million subscribers could assume the piece was a regrettable aberration. But the venerable magazine has clearly fallen into a nasty pattern.

A 1992 article entitled "Who Are the Palestinians?" launched the trend with a revisionist history in which Palestinian Arabs were said to be the descendants of Canaanites, and Jews were erased from the region's ancient record. The Jews of modern Israel fared no better, being cast as interlopers and exploiters. Articles in 1993 and 1995 purveyed related themes, with Israel portrayed in one case as exploitative in its use of water resources and in another as unjust to the Arabs of Galilee.

This year has already brought a bumper crop of similar articles to the traditionally apolitical publica-tion. April's "Three Faces of Jerusalem," July's "Syria Behind the Mask" and September's "Gaza, Where Peace Walks a Tightrope" all manage to project a message of Israeli wrongdoing, exploitation and intrusion.

Alan Mairson's Jerusalem article is a muddle of personal prejudices, errors and omissions. Most glaring is the author's exclusion of any reference to the unique and preeminent ties of the Jewish people to the city. Instead he offers the themes of anti-Israel propagandists that the ancient connection of the Jews to the land of Israel ended thousands of years ago, to be resumed in modern times by dispossession of native Arabs.

Thus, readers meet an Israeli Jew who survived war-torn Europe and whose arrival in Israel, it is said, must inevitably have trampled Arabrights. The crude linkage scoms fact and promotes the false allegation that Palestinian Arabs paid the price of the Nazi Holocaust against the Jews.

Unmentioned is the tenacious and nearly unbroken presence of a Jewish community in Jerusalem through millennia, a community that dwindled or flourished with the ebb and flow of foreign conquerors. Nor does Mairson tell readers that, other than a short-lived Crusader state, only the Jews have repeatedly established an independent nation there, with Jerusalem as the capital,

# ANDREA LEVIN

Nor does he inform readers that Jews have comprised a plurality or majority in the city since the first censuses were taken in the early part of the century.

Just as the past is misrepresented. there is no sense conveyed of the unique expressions of devotion by the Jews toward Jerusalem, whether in the firice-daily prayers uttered through millennia by the religious or in the loving restoration of the city by municipal leaders, architects and citizens in the years since Israel was rehorn as a modern The beauty of Jerusalem is noted, traval of the city.

but nowhere does Mairson point out that under centuries of Islamic dominion preceding the Jewish restoration, the city was a destinute and neglected backwater. The author leaves unidentified those responsible for the renaissance, with no mention of, for example, the planting of nearly 11 million trees around Jerusalem, the protection of religious sites or the refurbishment and preservation of antiquities.

Instead, as Mairson paints the picture, Jews are a largely malign and problematic presence, especially if they are religious. Orthodox Jews are presented as repellent disrupters of normal, secular life. In one passage a "young man with glassy eyes and a green knit skullcap" intrudes on a happy scene of picnicking Jerusalemites when he sets up a table with prayer imple-ments. The offense? To encourage passersby to pray.

Mairson makes clear this sort of activity is only part of the menace posed by devout Jews, whom he describes ominously as "an increasingly powerful community" producing large families and making demands on the municipality. Particularly deceptive is the author's inflated emphasis on a tiny,

fringe group, the Temple Mount Faithful whom he casts as a threat to Moslem holy sites on the Temple Mount The author, who identifies him-

self as Jewish, conveys in detail his discomfort with religious observance among the Jews, but is deferential to Christian and Moslem devotion. Wajeeh Nusseibeh, for example, is identified as the

# descendent of a Moslem line going back to 715, "not long after the Prophet Muhammad is said to have

received the wisdom of the Koran from Allah.' "Nusseibeh," Mairson adds respectfully, "lives his life by that wisdom." Moslem religious intolerance, surging Moslem population growth which surpasses the Jewish rate in the city, Arab pressures on the municipality, Arab abuses against non-Moslems that, before 1967. decimated the Christian population of eastern Jernsalem, are all erased in Mairson's skewed por-

LESS DRAMATICALLY distorted but insidious as well was the story on Syria by noted author Peter Theroux. While he offers glimpses of the hostile public attitudes among Syrians toward Israel, he completely obscures essential facts of history and geopolitics. No fewer than half a dozen pages contain references to the Golan Heights and Israeli possession of the land, but not once does Theroux indicate to readers that Syria lost that territory as a consegmence of decades of upprovoked

aggression launched from the Golan painst Jewish communities. Other violent policies of the regime are unmentioned as well. There is nothing about Syria's inclu-sion on the US State Department's list of nations sponsoring terrorism --more than half a dozen terrorist organizations find safe refuge there. Nor is there a single reference to Syrian occupation of Lebanon and its promotion of a drug trade there that spills into American cities. Syria is, in Theroux's rendering, a colorful, liberalizing nation, whose mis-

fortune it is to have Israel on its southern border. National Geographie's 25-page story on Gaza in September continues the theme of Israeli malfeasance and culpability, this time in

cruder form by photographer/writer Alexandra Avakian. Once again, Israel is cast in the role of oppressor opposite the blameless Palestinian victim. Regrettably, readers are also referred to the magazine's new Internet website where further misare actually provided so that teachers can pass the magazine's nonsense about Gaza on to children. Avakian ascribes all the miseries

of life in Gaza to the 27 years of Israeli occupation, and to current Israeli policies, stressing the allegedly malign impact of the new government of Binyamin Netanyahu. Nothing is said of the much more homendous conditions that prevailed in Gaza before 1967. Nor is the current reality honestly portrayed.

Yasser Arafat is described as struggling with every breath to make life better for his people. Avakian writes: "[Arafat] works incredibly long hours - often until three or four in the morning - tending to the details of government. His transition from guertilla fighter to peacemaker has not been easy; recent events have made his position more difficult as be mediates between an increasingly desperate populace and Israel's new hard-line government."

Not a word here of what his restive Palestinian subjects call the "Gazan Occupation," referring to Arafat's harsh and lawless reign over them. Nothing of the ruthless suppression of dissent, including the repeated detention and torture of Gazan psychiatrist and human rights activist, lyad Sarraj, by the Palestinian Authority, or of the silencing of all journalistic criticism. Not a mention of Arafat's squandering of aid money on networks of oppressive militias and a sprawling bureaucracy, funds that might have been turned to job development

Israel is held culpable for the general suffering, including for the degraded water conditions, the crowding, the psychological pain of children - and on and on.

The proliferation of biased, anti-Israel articles in a supposedly nonpolitical publication such as the National Geographic may be a symptom of the specific views of current editors at the publication or it may be an indication of the degree to which anti-Israel attitudes have become established throughout diverse parts of the media.

Whatever the explanation, perhaps a revolt by concerned subscribers would send a salutary message - that National Geographic should stick to what it informatioo on the subject is knows and avoid partisan Middle appended and where lesson plans . East politics.

"And Esau ran to meet him [Jacob], and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him; and they wept." (Gen. 33:4)

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Back in college, a classmate who is today a well-known biblical scholar announced that he planned to name his first son after the most maligned figure in the entire Bible - Esau. When one reads the Bible in terms of the literal text, without the midrash of our Sages, a case can certainly be



Esau: A nice name for a Jewish boy?

England, be would have explored of Columbus. Esau may not be a scholar, but he is larger than life.

a self-made man whose exploits are legendary. Even his having lost the blessing to Jacob doesn't stunt Esau's growth. He gets back on his feet and evectually becomes the leader of a powerful nation, Edom, which

is identified as the progenitor of

weeps at the sight of a brother. even a brother at whose hands he had been deceived. Jacob accepts the reconciliation, but is somehow constrained to travel a different path,

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The defense directs non Thus described, Esau hardly seems wor-thy of the censure of Jewish history. Is it any wonder that my friend wished to name his son after him? So why are our Sages so critical of Esau?

According to Clive Lawton, a Jewish educator in England, most Diaspora Jews are exactly like Esau. They are aggressive, selfmade people who are glib of

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most important factors in prevent-

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what gentiles eat, our unique laws

Jewish identity, but not neces-

O YOU thought a member of one's country's foreign service is supposed to represent and defend his country's policies? Not, it seems, in Israel!

Gideon Samet is our consul-general in a journalist and as an analyst, not as the consul-

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# A VIEW FROM NOV

way we do it here

MOSHE KOHN

Philadelphia. He is on leave from Ha'aretz. where he was deputy editor and political columnist, an ardent advocate of the left-wing Meretz line. He was appointed to his post by the Labor/Meretz government in its final days, having been recommended by former Meretz leader and arts, science and communications minister Sbulamit Aloni.

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After the May 29 elections, and David Levy's appointment as foreign minister, there were several reports that Levy was canceling Samet's appointment. However, be finally ratified it on the basis of a renewable one-year contract.

Last month, a reporter for the weekly Philadelphia Jewish Exponent asked Samet if be thought the Arabs were to blame for the bloody riots following the opening of the exit of the Hasmonean Tunnel in Jerusalem's Old City in September. Samet replied: "I don't want to get into who started it. I will say this, though: The timing was especially unfortunate. The government had been readying itself for redeployment in Hebron, which would have been a positive step with regard to the peace process. The problem is that just when it was about to happen, this crisis erupted, which has made the redeployment much more complicated." Why did the Exponent think it should ask the

consul for his personal opinion?

And of course, if the consul were a responsible diplomat, be would have withheld his opinion and explained the government's position on the Oslo Accords and the redeployment: They were hadly ocgotiated and poorly constructed. and while the Netanyaho-led government intends to bonor its predecessor's undertaking to implement them, it is striving to minimize what it regards as their dangerous consequences.

Earlier last month, Samet addressed a meeting of some 30 Philadelphia-area Jewish leaders in the city's Jewish Federation building. He , ice, be himself recently provided it. opened his speech by saying: "I am speaking as

RIENDS of our Funds come in all

general." He went on to say: "There is something wrong in the decision-making process in the government. The opening of the tunnel shows that"

Morton Klein of Philadelphia, president of the Zionist Organization of America, staunch Likud supporter, and relentless warrior in the struggle for fair news-media coverage of Jewish issues and events in general, and in-particular those involving Israel, last month sent a memorandum detailing Samet's non-diplomatic conduct to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Levy, and Ambassador to the US Eliahu Ben-Elissar. Klein writes that Samet's "comments on sev-

eral occasions criticizing the policies of the Israel government undermine efforts to explain Israel's case in America."

He reports that late in August, shortly after Samet took up his post, he asked Samet whether he would feel "comfortable supporting and representing" the policies of the Netanyahu-led government. "Much to my surprise, be replied: What do you think I am? A fascist who accepts everything the government does? Do you accept everything the Israel government does?"" Klein continues: "I told him he was an

employee and a representative of the government and it was his responsibility to support the government's policies."

An official in the Prime Minister's Office told me that Samet has been notified that his contract will not be renewed when it expires in May. I wonder how long he would have lasted if our foreign minister had more respect for his own office and mission.

(See the November issue of The Jewish Voice and Opinion, Englewood, New Jersey, published and edited by Susan L. Rosenbluth.)

IF FURTHER proof were needed regarding NBC anchorman Tom Brokaw's anti-Israel mal-

Brokaw said there was "no proof" that the meeting had caused the bombing, but that there was "no ruling it out either."

last June -- that killed 19 Americans and wound-ed scores -- to the meeting between Netanyaho

and US Secretary of State Warren Christopher

that had taken place a short while earlier,

Edward Alexander, English literature professor at the University of Washington in Scattle and a staunch defender of his people and of Israel against hostile fellow academics and communications media, wrote us about Brokaw's scurrility, wondering how long it would be before he says there is "no proof" that Jewish doctors spread the AIDS virus, "but there is no ruling it out either."

WIM KORTENOEVEN, head of the Israel Committee in the Netherlands/Netherlands-Israel Public Affairs Committee, thinks it's high time CNN recognized Jerusalem as Israel's cap-

The network's November 9-10 Teletext page 104 story reported: "A E[uropean] U[nion] delegation has begun talks with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Shara on restarting peace talks with Israel. Negotiations between Damascus and Tel Aviv are deadlocked ...."

LOIS K. Levy of Philadelphia has sent us a copy of the letter she sent Jim Lehrer following his broadcast of October 3 about Netanyahu's return to Israel from the US.

She notes that Lehrer said "protesters lined the road" when Netanyahu returned to Jerusalem from Ben-Gurion Airport, whereas 'even" Peter Jennings, also a veteran Israelbasher, said "both protesters and supporters" had lined the road.

She also demands to know why Lehrer spoke of "Netanyahu and the President ... Mr. Arafat" and didn't refer to "Mr." or "Prime Minister Netanyahu."

Levy has stopped contributing to the Public Broadcasting System and Philadelphia's WHYY, but she "resent[s] my tax dollars going to either entity because of their continued anti-Israel bigoted reporting."

BEVERLEE BLACK

made to defend Esau. And we're not doing Jacob any favors by ignoring the seeming good in Esau's behavior. In fact, only by presenting the best possible portrait of Esau can we achieve an authentic portrait of Jacob.

We read bow one fateful day, Esau comes bome ravenous and finds Jacob cooking lentil soup. The hungry hunter asks for some, but Jacob will only agree if he receives the birthright in return. Who is taking advantage of whom?

And then there's the question of the stolen blessing. Eveo without going into detail, Esau emerges as an honest figure deserving of our sympathy. He is known for honoring his father, probably because the Bible introduces him as being the patriarch's favorite since ...his bunt was in his [Isaac's] mouth."

Esan would frequently bring savory venison to Isaac. And it was Esau's exact fulfillment of his father's will - he makes all the preparation himself - which gave his younger brother time to reach Isaac's tent first. Moreover. the double-entendre inhereot in the words "his hunt is in his [Esau's] mouth" suggests a smooth and effective salesman.

Additionally, Esau possesses reconciliation redeem him? And qualities that many people admire, what a redemption, the two halves particularly where the spirit of the Wild West is still alive. Esau is not of Isaac coming together in an embrace of peace and love! afraid of the unknown. He is a Apparently Esau is governed by frontiersman, be reads tracks. emotion rather than logic, and it is smells the wind. In 19th-century such a stroog emotion that he

Rome. The final 43 verses of this tongue and daring of deed. They week's portion Vayishlah are weep when they meet a long-lost devoted to the world created by Esan: wives, children, grandchilbrother (Jews from Ethiopia, Jews from Russia). They have respect dren, chiefs, generals. for their parents and grandparents,

Furthermore, Esau touches our tending to their physical needs and hearts when he is given to speak even reciting – or hiring someone to recite – the traditional Kaddish one of the most poignant verses in the Torah. After he realizes that for a full year after their demise. Jacob has received the blessing Their verbal commitment to, and which had been meant for him, the financial support of, Jewry and Bible reports: "And Esau said unto his father, 'Have you but one Israel can be heard loud and blessing, my father? Bless me, strong. Yes, they have a welldeveloped sense of brotherhood even me also, O my father.' And with Israel, an Esau-like commit-Esau lifted up his voice and wept." (Gen. 27: 28)

Does this sound like someone whose name should be shunned forever? We all know the pain of arriving somewhere a momeot too late. We walk away, heartbroken. The situation is especially poignant since the preemptor was a deceiving interloper, certainly in Esau's eyes not at all worthy of the prize he captured. Hence, in Esau's plea for a blessing we feel his immense pain, and hear our own.

Even under the most abject con-And when Jacob finally returns ditions, Jews have guarded their to his ancestral bome after 20 birthright by insisting on their years, Esan is overjoyed to see unique eating habits. He embraces him with love,

of kashrut.

Esau is willing to give up his birthright for a bowl of soup. shedding tears. Even if Esau is a Hasn't the road to modern assimivillain, shouldn't this moment of lation been paved by T-bone steaks and lobsters?

May one not argue that Diaspora Jewry has sold its birthright for a cheeseburger?

Shabbat Shalom

Linking the terror bombing in Saudi Arabia when I will be only too pleased to accept Lighting up lives

### shapes and sizes. Some raise money for our good causes through bridge or Scrabble clubs, others collect at their synagogue classes, some young supporters give part of their bar/bat mitzva gifts, while others go door-to-door.

Last year, we were introduced to a new way of carrying out the mitzvot. Richard Shavei-Zion, the director of the Ramatayim Meo's Choir, organized a Hanukka evening of Jewish music in aid of our Toy Fund. It was sold out.

This year, on Monday, December 9, at 8 p.m., at the Israel Museum, together with the Zamir Chorale and the Pirchei Efrat, there will be a second annual evening of Jewish music on the occasion of the lighting of the fifth candle.

Tickets can be purchased by phoning 02-623-3986 or 02-561-9229. All proceeds will be donated to our Toy Fund and will be used to bring smiles to the faces of many of our needy youngsters. I look forward to seeing you there,

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donations from late givers. All three funds are lagging behind last year's totals. We still have a few weeks to catch up to, and even surpass last year. Remember, there are lots of people counting on yon for donations and for the funds to give a helping hand. Don't wait, send your checks today to: The Jerusalem Post Funds, POB 81,

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### FEATURES

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Revisionist

# Weighing the evidence after a fall

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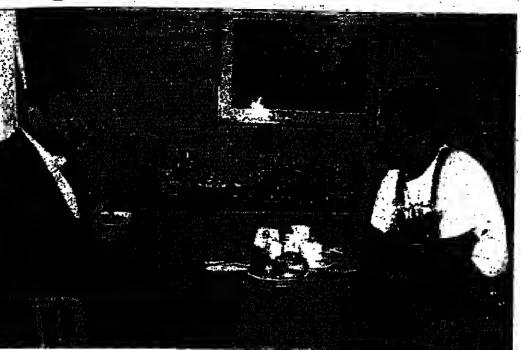
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THERE COULD oot have been a better example of weighing all the evidence before passing judgment. State Auorney Edna Arbel, addressing WIZO's symposium on Violence Against Women, told a surprised audience, that were it not for WIZO Israel chairman Telma Neri she might easily have acquired the reputation of being a battered wife. Suspicions arose when a distinctly bruised Arbel appeared in public after suffering a bad fall outside the Tel Aviv Center for the Performing Arts. To those who sceptically raised an eyebrow, Arbel was able to offer a witness. The stranger who saw what happened to her and came to her assistance was none other than Neri.

VISITING ISRAEL as the guest of the Foreign Ministry, Gary Johnson, Governor of New Mexico, was taken to an army engineering base in the Golan Heights. A former contractor and building engineer. Johnson spontaneously elimbed into the army bulldozer, pressed the right butions and began constructing a blockade. The soldiers invited him to join the unit, but the governor reluctantly declined. He had a few more pressing duties at home.

INTRODUCING CELLCOM president and former General Security Services director Ya'acov Perry to the Foreign Press Corps Forum, Foreign Press Association chairman Nick Tatro remarked, "he's been listening to us for years and now we're getting a chance to listen to him."

THE BEAT of a different drum.



Strange bedfellows and all that; Moledet MK Benny Elon gives Dudu Topaz a few political pointers over coffee.

Heibi, talented exponent of the Arab drums, was discouraged by his father from becoming a musician. His father wanted him to go to university where he could study towards a more regular, officebound profession. But when the younger Heibi persisted and achieved international fame with his Shfaram-based Eltaballin Percussion Quintet, his father had a change of heart and urged all his

MOTHERS AS well as fathers can be wrong. Case in point is Barbra Streisand's mom, who poured cold water on her daughter's desire to become an actress by telling her that she wasn't pretty enough - an

sons to become musicians.

When he was a youngster, Saleh amazing statement by a Yiddishe mama. A practical lady, she advised Barbra to file down her nails and go take a typing course, so she could be assured of an income. The oft-told tale resurfaced when Streisand made her new film The Mirror has Two Faces.

> A JORDANIAN pilot already wellknown to former top brass in the Israel Air Force also visited Israel this week. Ihsan H. Shurdom, former commander-in-chief of the Jordanian Air Force, met some of his Israeli counterparts and other senior IAF (Res.) officers at Superpharm's annual international conference, which this year focused on air-force operations. Although the most famous of the

IAF commanders, Ezer Weizman, wasn't there, other frequent flyers present included Amos Lapidot, Moti Hod, Ya'acov Terner and Avihu Bin-Nun.

THEY'RE NOT on the same side of the political fence, but star entertainer Dudu Topaz was obviously fascinated by Moledet MK Benny Elon when the two met for coffee at the Holiday Inn. Jerusalem. Topaz announced earlier this year that he was thinking of throwing his cap into the political ring. Perhaps Elon was giving him some pointers.

VISITORS TO Haifa cannot help but be impressed at the way in which the city has developed under

the administration of Amram Mitzna. The soldier-turned-mayor not only has wide-ranging vision, but has a talent for semantic innovation. While leading journalists on a tour of the city this week, Mitzna in references to the extensive promenades which have been built and those which are currently under construction, spoke of "pedestration." He may well have coined a new word. Even though it's not in the dictionary, it does succinctly express his meaning.

ALMOST EVERYONE complains about cellular phones, but pianist and classical singer Ilona Domitch, appearing at the 12th annual Chug Yuval Herzog Hospital luncheon at the elegant Jerusalem penthouse apartment of Lily and Nathan Silver suffered more than most. A telephone left in a handbag behind her seat rang for most of her performance. No one claimed the bag which was eventually removed to the kitchen. Only towards the end of her recital did the owner come looking for the bag. Amanda Weiss, who heads the public relations operations at the Bible Lands Museum, was momentarily disconcerted by her bag's disappearance, but was happy to discover that it hadn't gone too far.

FLEXING HIS political muscle, deputy minister for Religious Affairs Yigal Bibi last week insulted fellow MK Yael Dayan for her defense of Women at the Wall, and this week threatened to depose Education Minister Zevulun Hammer unless more funds are made available for religious education. Apparently Bibi is unaware that the pack tends to turn against the bully and overrun him.

MULTIPLE EMMY winner Billy Crystal has yet to win an Oscar. But the consolation prize for the engaging actor is that he's been selected for the fifth time to com-

NOT TO be outdone by her ex-husband, newly married expectant father Michael Jackson, Lisa Marie Presley Jackson is creating a few headlines of her own in a bid to take after her daddy. Elvis Presley's daughter, who is launching a new career as a singer, hopes to prove that the apple has not fallen far from the tree. And press reports yesterday indicated that the new Miss. Michael Jackson, Debbie Rowe, is consider-



rapidly, but all the while stays in the same place? Gidi Gov wanted an answer to this riddle on his Channel 2 talk show on Tuesday night. It was, of course, the Netanyahu government's negotiations with the Palestmians. As if on cue, the next morning's headlines trumpeted "progress in the

talks." But the "progress" once again turned out to be "fizzle." Meanwhile, government spokesmen continued to blame the Palestinian side for holding up the talks. They then, somewhat illogically, admitted that progress had been made after the prime minister agreed the negoti-ating team could be more flexible and ease off ou the "hot pursuit"

issue. Sorry, asked Labor MKs, but who did you say had been hold-ing up the talks? So after a hundred indecisions, visions and revisions, we have returned to the good old Oslo agreement, the old, condemned by the new gov-ernment as the hideous, "Peres-Arafat agreement." Yes, even down to the "hot pursuit," or lack of it.

It even transpired this week that one of the "lackeys" of the previ-ous government was called to the Prime Minister's Office to bail the negotiations out of stalemate. This was none other than former Foreign Ministry legal advisor Joel Singer, one of the architects and writers of the Oslo agreement. Senior, officials in Netanyahu's government were also reportedly studying the Beilin-Abu Mazen plan for a Palestinian state. Now they really will have Labor to blame if the whole thing backfires.

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He added: "If every time we're in government we rob the public coffers for four years, then the next time, we will be robbed. It is unthinkable that an elected minister should consider his ministry his private domain, or his party's Droperty.

Bravo! Hammer," was the resounding response from all logical sides of the political spectrum, Not so, said some dissenting MKs, the problem is Hammer prefers to transfer the funds to the religious institutions on the quiet, without openly appearing as an enemy of non-religious culture.

When former religious affairs minister Shimon Shetreet, of Labor, entered office during the previous government, he found that every religious or haredi party which had held the ministry in the past somehow managed to "mislay" the other religious party's applications for financial allocations. Hence, the party in power at the ministry could bolster its own education network at the expense of its rivals. Shetreet halted allocations to religious institutions which presented fictitions data as bait for large budgets, and he set out to establish fixed criteria for the allocations.

For his valiant attempt to clean out the malodorous ministry stables and uproot some of the injustices there, Shetreet was branded as Shas's public enemy number one. (Hardly necessary to explain that before Shetreet, Shas had held the ministry ... ).

One of Shetreet's achievements was managing to allocate cemetery plots for those whose relatives are decreed by the religious overlords to be not absolutely Jewish. Now it seems Bibi has taken up arms in defense of the old tricks. He canceled the Religious Affairs Ministry's plans for the secular cemetery plots, "no budget." A likely tale

This was not Bibi's first demonstration of the art of the ugly outburst. At a recent visit to the Western Wall to examine, objectively of course, the request by the Women of the Wall to pray at the site, Bibi burst out at Professor Frances Radai, one of the leaders of the women's group: "Who are you to soil this place? You're nothing but a small minority of weirdos." He seemed blissfully unaware that such boorish rudeness might sully the place more effectively than pray-

Bibi has also accused Supreme



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# **BUSINESS & FINANCE**

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# Mizrahi swings back to black; Leumi, Hapoalim earnings up

UNITED Mizrahi Bank (UMB) shifted from loss to profit in the third quarter of the year, with a net income of NtS 51m. compared in a nei loss of NIS 8.2m. in the same period last year.

Net profits in the first nine months of the year grew 88.5% to NIS 118.4m. compared with NIS 62.8m. Net return-nn-equity on an annual basis rose in 9.7% from 5.4% in the corresponding period lasi year.

In 1995 Mizrabi was forced to set aside high provisions for irregular activities in its London branch. Excluding these provisions, Mizrahi completed the first nine months of 1996 with a net profit of NIS 136.2m. com-pared to NIS 102.8m. last year.

Profit from financing activi-ly before provision for doubtful dehts increased 8.8% in the nine month period, to NIS 709.2m. Provisions for doubtful dehts more than halved to NIS 75.5m. compared with NIS 158.4m. In the reported period the hank set aside provisioos of NIS 9m., mainly as a result of unauthorized bank credit granted to the building sector.

GALIT LIPKIS BECK largest bank announced a bonds. 38.9% growth in net profits for rose tn NIS 267m. in the quar-ter compared with NIS the third quarter of 1996, mainly as a result of bigher earnings 193.6m. The provision for the of subsidiary and affiliated

companies, and from the sale of the hank's excess holdings in non-financial companies. Net profils in the quarter increased to NIS 262.7m. compared with NIS 189.2m. in the same period last year. In

the first nine months of the year, net profits rose to NIS ouarter. 674.9m. compared with NIS 623.9m. in the same period in the nine-month perind fell 1.5% 10 NIS 1.53b. The last year, up 8.2%.

Net return-on-equity rose to decrease was mainly due to a 12.7% in the nine-month perifall in income from capitalod compared to 12.6% for the market activity. This was parfirst nine months of last year. tially offset by a 5.2% Profit from financing activiincrease in income from com-

ty before provision for doubtful dehts rose to NIS 929.6m. in the third quarter from NIS 811.2m. Profit from financing activity in the first nine months was up 2.6% to NIS 2.56 billion.

Management attributed the of nnconsolidated snhsidiaries improvement to a rise in and affiliated companies rose prices in the hond market, 36.1% in the first nine months, which led to the cancellation to NIS 194m. Net profit from of the provision for the writeextraordinary transactions after down in the value of the taxes for the first nine months

Bank Hapoalim, Israel's bank's portfolio of marketable

# **Turbowicz: Supervise public** utilities with single agency. **DAVID HARRIS**

CURRENT supervision of infrastructure monopolies is inefficient and needs to be replaced, according to Antitrust Authority directorgeneral Yoram Turbowicz.

Speaking in Jerusalem this week, Turbowicz, who is the Industry and Trade Ministry official responsiple for oversceing monopolies ! and cartels; called for the creation of a new authority that would be responsible for regulating organi-zations such as Israel Electric

Corporation and Channel 2. The authority would consist of several commissioners, each

responsible for a different utility. "It would be similar to the US Puhlic Utilioes Commission," said brew University public finance

Ampal and Clal. Total assets stood at NIS 150,.3h. Credit granted to the general public amounted to NIS 89.9b. while deposits from would be too powerful, said the public reached NIS 100.4h.

Turbowicz, "Bnt I reject this argu-Happalim's board of directors yesterday approved the appointment of Avi Harel to ment. If you want to supervise a strong monopoly, you must have a hody with some form of symmethe board in charge of the try." bank's management-informa-However. Sheshinski said he is tion network. Harel currently isoncesifed such a body may be server, as head, of the securi-become yet another tool for the division idd.

politicians, who would be tempted to appoint lackeys to the commis-Bank Leumi completed the

sion. Among the examples of bodies failing to operate efficiently, said Turbowicz, has been the Public Utilities Anthon ty-Electricity. From its formation in April until last week, it had only one member, former Ben-GurionUniversity president Chaim Elata, despite professor Eyran Sheshinski. "It is legal requirement of five appointees. Both this government and the previous one have failed to make the necessary appointments. Consequently, IEC has been unable to put electricity prices up for eight months, as it needs the authority to approve the decision.

NIS 80.3m. in the same period last vear.

The hank's net prnfil for the first nine months increased Provisions for doubtful debi 10% to NIS 390.7m. Net relurn-on-equity on an annual basis reached 7.7% compared with 7.4% in the correspondfirst nine months increased ing period last year.

8.6% to NIS 694.5m. The bank The improvement was achieved despite a one-time blamed the rise on new directives issued by the Supervisor provision of NIS 190.3m. 10 of Banks in respect of unidencover expenses for the voluntified risks inherent in the bank's enstomer debt portfo-lio, especially in the third tary retirement scheme. Under the scheme, 312 employees retired, of whom 45% were at management level. Operating and other income

"Improved profits derived mainly from an expansion of the group's business operations, the increase in the profits of subsidiaries in Israel and abroad, and the reduction in the provisions for doubtful debts," said management. The results do not include

puterized services, foreign earnings from Bank Leumi's trade activity and special forsale of Lcumi Insurance Operating and other expens-es rose 3.2% in the first nine Holdings to the Italian Generali firm and sale of 47.2% of Africa Israel to husi-The bank's share in the profit nessman Lev Leviev. The NIS 400m. profit from these transactions will be recorded in the

fourth quarter of 1996. Provisions for doubtful dehts fell 28.1% in the first nine months to NIS 414.1m. Operating and other income decreased 1,6% to NIS 1.53h. reached NIS 128.4m. The earnings resulted from the sale of while operating and other expenses, exclusive of the cost the bank's excess holdings in of the voluntary retirement scheme, fell 0.5% to NIS 2.67h. Profits from extraordinary operations increased NIS 49.4m, compared to NIS 12.6m. in the same period last year. Most of these profits derived from the sale of Lenmi's New York hrancbes.

The bank's total assets at the third quarter of 1996 with a the public increased 7% to 113.4% growth in net profits NIS 71.7b.

**Giscard proposal to devalue** 

# IDB moves into red; Osem net up 16% GAUT LIPKIS BECK

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THE IDB Holding Corporation moved into the red during the third quarter with a net lnss of NIS 5m, compared with NIS 40m. in profits over the same period last year.

Net profits in the first nine months of the year fell to NIS 72m. compared with NIS 90m. in the corresponding period last year

1DB Development, a subsidiary of IDB Holding, reported a third quarter net loss of NIS 4m. compared with a net profit of NIS 59m. last year. In the first nine months of the year, net earnings fell to NIS 113m. compared with NIS 123m. last year.

Osem Investment, Israel's thirds largest food producer, completed the third quarter with a net profit of NIS 20.66 million compared with a net profit of NIS 17.78m. in the corresponding period last year.

The improved earnings were mainly due to a rise in gross profits, a drop in management expenses and an increase in financing income. The rise was partly offset by higher marketing and sale expenses, primarily because of the entrance of Nestle products into the local market, said man-

Net profit in the first nine months of the year increased 2.6% to NIS 53.1m, compared with NIS 51.76m.

Sales turnover grew 5.5% in the first nine months, to NIS 923.76m. The increase was mainend of September, amounted, ly due to a prowith in the compa-to NIS 126.2m, np.3.5% since, ny's hasker of products in the start of the year. Deposite, sentrance into new markets. Local from the public increased market sales rose 5.4% to NIS 5.8% to NIS 101h. Loans to 841.24m, while overseas market sales increased 6.2% to NIS 82.44m.

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Computervision and Tecnomatix sign memorandum of understanding: Computervision Corporation (NYSE: CVN) and Tecnomalix Technologies Ltd. (Nasdaq: TNQF) announced the signing of a memorandum nf understanding to embed the two of Tecnomatix's products into Computervision's products. which are designed to help software manufacturers improve product quality. Based in Herzliva, Tecnomatix develops products that attow production engineers to create virtuat machines and production equipment models.

ELOP announces new microscope that ebecks brain and blood cells: ELOP Electro aptics industries has announced the release of its CMS-1 microscope designed to check brain and hlood cells, the company said. ELOP, a privately held maker of optical equipment used fnr both civilian and military purposes. developed the microscope along with AMS, a start-up that supplies development services to various types of companies.

GEO Interactive signs software publishing agreement: The GEO Interactive Media Group (GIM) of Givatayim has announced the signing of an exclusive software-publishing agreement with Symantec (Nasdaq: SYMC) that allows the company to manufacture, marker, package and distribute GEO's Internet Emblaze Creator. The technology allows real-time delivery of multimedia content over the Internet. Symantee of Cupertino, California is a leading developer of software products.

Intel to spend \$20m. to expand Haifa R&D center: Intel (Nasdaq: INTC) said that it will be investing \$20m. to expand its development center in Haifa by 12,000 sq.m. Intel, the California-based manufacturer of microprocessors, personal computers, memory chips and network and communication hardware and software began operating here in 1974.

M-Systems announces new flash disk solutions: M-Systems (Nasdaq: FLSHF) of Tel Aviv announced the 2000 series of flash-disk solutions. The new series incorporates a new flash component technology known as NAND. Flash memory is a non-volatile data storage semiconductor technology that allows silicon memory chips to store data for long periods of time.

Point of Sale completes \$8m. deal with UK's Tesco: Point of Sale, the Herzliya-hased maker of retailing software, completed an \$8m, deal with the UK's Tesco retailer. Tesco has 500 outlets throughout the UK, including supermarkets, cafetenias and self-service gas stations. Based on Windows 95, Point of Sale's technology has been employed hy retailers around the world.

QXI translates websites into Japanese: QX Israel of Jerusalem provides 24-hour translation of websites into Japanese. The service is designed for companies wishing to reach the Japanese market.

**RAD Data Communications wins Argentinian tender; Rad** Data Communications, through its Argentinian distributor Mercury Lommunications, SA, was selected by Telecom Argentina to supply the Argentinian carrier with 1,400 of its HTU-El extended range modems. The HTU-El extends the range of E1 transmission to 4.5 kilometers over four-wire copper cable, using high bit-rate digital subscriber line technology. RAD Data Communications manufactures a range of product solutions for local area and wide-area network applications. RAD is a member of the \$200m. RAD Group of Companies.

Teledata receives \$6m. order from European company: Teledata Communications (Nasdaq: TLDCF) of Herzliya recently announced the receipt of an order totaling about 56m.

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PARIS (Reuter) - Some 20 members of France's ruling Gaullist party called yesterday for a "serious debate" on former president Valery Giscard d'Estaing's call for a sbarp

eign currency services.

months, to NIS 2.47b.

devaluation of the franc to hoost can move toward European a sluggish economy. integration," they said in a "It does not mean renouncing

statement. Europe, nor a single currency. It "It is not a single currency which is at issue, it is the terms just means analyzing, calmly and clearly, bow our country

of its realization," they said. The Gaullist RPR members issuing the statement are allies of National Assembly speaker Philippe Seguin, who spearheaded the campaign against the Maastricht Treaty on European Union.

Seguin has described Giscard d'Estaing's views as "impeccable."

But official spokesmen for both the RPR and its junior partner in the center-right coalition, the UDF, have roundly condemned Giscard d'Estaine's appeal for a weaker currency. President Jacques Chirac's RPR and the UDF hold a total of 480 of the 577 national assembly seats.

Giscard d'Estaing revived a debate about the merits of monetary union when he urged last week that France should announce plans to fix the franc against the new European currency. the euro, at a much lower level than it is now opening the way to a deprecia tion. This, be said, would revive flagging growth an belp reduce French unemploy ment, which is at a record 12. percent.

Although the ex-presiden wields little political clout, h was one of the first high-rank ing politicians in recent ycar to break publicly a taboo of questioning France's decade old strong franc policy.

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for its TIMUX product from a European telephone operating company. TIMUX is a line multiplexer that enables telephone operators to increase the capacity of existing networks. Teledata manufactures products for telecommunications access networks.

Teuza sells 50% of its holdings in A.B. Seeds: Teuza, a Fairchild Technology Venture, recently sold half its stake, which represented 15.25% of the company's holdings, in A.B. Seeds to an undisclosed company for \$1.4m. Through a genetic-engineering technique developed at Hebrew University, A.B. Seeds produces hybrid tomato seeds that produce virusresistant tomatoes that are almost immune to the yellow leaf curl virus.

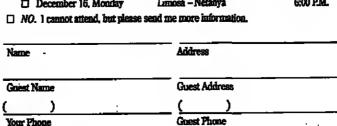
VocalTec announced latest software: VocalTec Ltd. (Nasdaq: VOCLF) recently announced shipment of its telephony galeway server software eight-line system, which can provide both intranet and traditional calling for corporations and Internet service providers. The system integrates VocalTec's Internet phone technology with Dialogic Corp.'s voice-processing board, which enables the interconnection of phone lines, using the Internet as the connection link.

Womex announces agreement with Hong Kong companies: The World Merchandise Exchange (WOMEX) announced its service and marketing agreement with CargoNet Community Networks, a consortium of Hong Kong companies that run an electronic data interchange system. WOMEX, a US-based company, has developed a service called WOMEX Online that allows retailers around the world to source general merchandise products and communicate electronically with suppliers. Womex can be reached at webmaster@womex.com.

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Friday, November 29, 1996 The Jerusalem Post

This announcement is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell Shares. The Offer is made solely by the Offer to Purchase dated November 26, 1996 and the related Letter of Transmittal and is being made to all holders of Shares. The Offer is not being made to (nor will tenders be accepted from or on behalf of) holders of Shares in any jurisdiction in which the making of the Offer or the acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the laws of such jurisdiction. In any jurisdiction where the securities, blue sky or other laws require the Offer to be made by a licensed broker or dealer. the Offer shall be deemed to be made on behalf of the Purchaser by Morean Stanley & Co. Incorporated or one or more registered brokers Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated or one or more registered brokers or dealers licensed under the laws of such jurisdiction.

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Notice of Offer to Purchase for Cash All Outstanding Shares of Common Stock

Opal, Inc. \$18.50 Net Per Share Orion Corp. I a wholly owned subsidiary of **Applied Materials, Inc.** 

Orion Corp. I, a Delaware corporation (the "Purchaser") and a wholly owned subsidiary of Applied Materials. Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Parent"), is offering to purchase all outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Shares"), of Opal, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), at a price of \$18.50 per Share, net to the seller in cash, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase. dated November 26, 1996 (the "Offer to Purchase"), and in the related Letter of Transmittal (which, as amended or supplemented from time to time, together constitute the "Offer"). Following the Offer, the Purchaser intends to effect the Merger described below.

THE OFFER AND WITHDRAWAL RIGHTS WILL EXPIRE AT 12:00 MIDNIGHT, NEW YORK CITY TIME, ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1996, UNLESS THE OFFER IS EXTENDED.

The Offer is conditioned upon, among other things, there being validly tendered and not withdrawn prior to the expiration of the Offer a number of Sbares which constitutes at least a majority of the Sbares outstanding on a fully diluted basis. The Offer is also subject to other terms and conditions.

The Offer is being made pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of November 24, 1996 (the "Merger Agreement"), by and among Parent, the Purchaser and the Company. The Merger Agreement provides that, among other things, as soon as practicable after the purchase of Shares pursuant to the Offer and the satisfaction of the other conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware ("DGCL"), the Purchaser will be merged with and into the Company (the "Merger"). Following eonsummation of the Merger, the Company will continue as the surviving corporation and will be a wholly owned sub-sidiary of Parent. At the effective time of the Merger (the "Effective Time"), each Sbare issued and outstanding immedi-ately prior to the Effective Time (other than Shares held in the treasury of the Company or owned by the Purchaser. Parent or any other wholly owned subsidiary of Parent, and any Shares beld by stockholders exercising appraisal rights pursuant to Section 262 of the DGCL) will be cancelled and converted into the right to receive \$18.50 in eash, without interest.

In connection with the Merger Agreement, Parent and the Purchaser have entered into Stockholder Agreements dated as of November 24, 1996 with certain stockholders of the Company who beneficially own an aggregate of 4,288,634 Shares pursuant to which, among other things, such stockholders have agreed to tender their Shares in the Offer, and have granted Parent an option to acquire their Shares at \$18.50 per Share, upon the terms and subject to the conditions thereof in the event of certain terminations of the Offer or the Merger Agreement.

The Board of Directors of the Company has determined that the terms of the Offer and the Merger are fair to and in the best interests of the stockholders of the Company and recommends that stockholders accept the Offer and tender their Shares pursuant to the Offer.

For purposes of the Offer, the Purchaser will be deemed to have accepted for payment (and thereby purchased) Shares validly tendered and not properly withdrawn as, if and when the Purchaser gives oral or written notice to Harris Shares validly tendered and not properly withdrawn as, if and when the Purchaser gives oral or written notice to Harris Trust Company of New York (the "Depositary") of the Purchaser's acceptance for payment of such Shares pursuant to the Offer. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Offer, payment for Shares accepted for payment pursuant to the Offer will be made by deposit of the purchase price, therefor with the Depositary, which will act as agent for tender-ing stockholders for the purpose of receiving payments from the Purchaser and transmitting such payments to tendering stockholders whose Shares have been accepted for payment. Under no circumstances will interest on the purchase price for Shares be paid, regardless of any delay in making such payment. In all cases, payment for Shares tendered and accepted for payment pursuant to the Offer will be made only after timely receipt by the Depositary of (i) the certificates evidencing such Shares or timely confirmation of a book-entry transfer of such Shares into the Depositary's account at one of the Book-Entry Transfer Facilities (as defined in the Offer to Purchase) pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 3 of the Offer to Purchase. (ii) the Letter of Transmittal (or a facsimile thereof), properly completed and duly Section 3 of the Offer to Purchase, (ii) the Letter of Transmittal (or a facsimile thereof), properly completed and duly executed, with any required signature guarantees, or an Agent's Message (as defined in the Offer to Purchase) in connection with a book-entry transfer, and (iii) any other documents required under the Letter of Transmittal.

Purchaser expressly reserves the right in its sale discretion (but subject to the terms and conditions of the Mero-

# Foreign fears grow over US-Japan insurance talks

bilateral US-Japanese talks on insurance liberalization are causing ripples of concern across the global insurance market as the December 15 deadline for agreement looms, senior industry figures said yesterday.

Ian Carroll, chairman of the Foreign Non-Life Insurance Association of Iapan, told Reuters that all foreign players were awaiting the outcome as any bilateral resolutions would be applied industry-wide in Japan.

Carroll said the prime concern of foreign insurers was that only Japanese insurers would benefit from the country's current liber-

"The Iapanese government is liberalizing, but it appears to be liberalizing only for the benefit of its domestic insurance com-panies," he said in a telephone interview from Tokyo.

The stalemate was making long term business planning impossible for foreign players, Carroll said.

"It is very difficult to do any serious business planning until you know the rules which you have to play by and for 12 months or longer, we just haven't had a firm idea of what our market will be," he said.

SINGAPORE (Reuter) - Stalled The US and Japan, at loggerbeads over Iapanese moves to liberalize its "third" insurance sector ahead of its primary life and non-life sectors, are due to discuss the issue again at a December 6 ministerial meeting in Tokyo.

The third sector is the market for personal accident, health and other niche insurance products and makes up about 5 percent of the total market. The remaining 95% is dominated by domestic Japanese insurers.

This sector is the only area where foreigners have a firm foothold and US insurance giant, American International Group (AIG) has an estimated 50% of the business.

The US says putting third sec-tor liberalization first breaks a 1994 pact hy Japan to open up its \$400 hillion insurance market to full international competi-

"The concern of foreign insurers is that all the changes are occurring in this small sector and all the major changes for the balk of the market are being delayed," Carroll said.

"Iapan is giving the impres-sion that it is opening up, but the reality is that it is not," said a director of an international insurance hroking company

operating in Tokyo. The broker said another concern for forcign players was that any agreement could be influenced by the views of just one company, rather than by the industry as a whole.

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A further worry for insurers is that talks are now so politic ized they risk being sacrificed for expediency in other US and

Japanese trade disputes. "It has gone way herond an insurance husiness issue now," a senior reinsurance executive in Tokyo told Reuters. "If it came down to it. I'm sure the US would consider a deal on auto parts more beneficial than one on insurance."

Hope was seen on two fronts. First, on news that Japan wuuld pursue a five-year "Big Bang" liberalization strategy to allow cross-participation among hanks, insurers and finance among houses.

The second was on Japan's offer during talks on November 25-26 to deregulate dircci marketing of motor insurance. Motor husiness represents about 50% of the whole market. One foreign insurance executive said both moves surprised Iapanese insurers. "I think they are concemed that things might not be so cut and dried and cosy as they used to be," he said.

# Taiwan to stop encouraging investment in South Africa

TAIPEI (Reuter) - Taiwan said yesterday it would no longer enconrage investment in South Africa, which plans to switch diplomatic ties to Beijing from Taipei next year, casting a sbadow over the future of lucrative business links.

The move threw into question whether a \$3 bil-lion petrochemical project by Taiwan's Tuntex Distinct Corp in South Africa, until now Taipei's biggest ally in a shrinking circle of friends, would go ahead.

"The government will not continue to encourage investments in South Africa," Chiang Ping-kun, chairman of the cabinet's Council for Economic Planning and Development, told

"Without government encouragement, it will be hard (for private investments) to proceed there." Chiang said when asked about the Tuntex plan. Tuntex, one of the island's major business groups, said earlier yesterday it would respect the govern-ment's wishes in deciding whether to continue its project.

"For this petrochemical plant project, the Tuntex group will decide whether to go ahead or stop depending on the (Taiwan) government's policy," Tuntex said in a statement. South Africa, the biggest of just 30 mostly Central American and African states that recognize Taiwan rather than the communist People's Republic on the mainland, announced on Wednesday it would switch ties at the end of 1997. Nearly 300 Taiwan husinesses have operations in South Africa with investments topping \$1.5 bil-lion. Taiwan Forelga Minister John Chang. addressing reporters yesterday moming, said Taipei would review the island's Sonth Africa projects before making any final decision. "In the next 12 months, we have a plan to do an overall review, including economic cooperation it goes for independence.

projects," Chang said. The decision sent local stocks into a brief dive, but the market had recovered by the close and many executives played down any serious impaci, saying business was business.

"If South Africa really cuts ties with us...our banks will continue to expand their overseas points," Lai In-jaw, bead of the Taiwan Provincial Government's finance department, told the provincial assembly,

Lai said provincial government-owned banks, representing the main force of state-run banks. have set up 41 branches or representatives abroad. including one in South-Africa. -

'Most of our' points are located in countries with which we do not have diplomatic ties." Lai said. Stan Shih, chairman of Taiwan computer giant Acer, said any impact from the move would not be "particularly big."

"Just like our development in the United States. we are developing (business) in countries with which we don't have diplomatic ties, but we even list our subsidiaries in the stock markets there. There is, in fact, no deep impact." Shih said. State utility

er Agreement), at any time and from time to time, to extend for any reason the period of time during which the Offer is open, including the occurrence of any of the conditions specified in Section 14 of the Offer to Purchase, by giving oral or written notice of such extension to the Depositary. Any such extension will be followed as promptly as practicable by public announcement thereof, such announcement to be made no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled expiration date of the Offer. During any such extension, all Shares previously tendered and not withdrawn will remain subject to the Offer, subject to the rights of a tendering stockholder to withdraw such stockholder's Shares.

Tenders of Shares made pursuant to the Offer are irrevocable except that such Shares may be withdrawn at any time prior to 12:00 Midnight, New York City time, on Tuesday, December 24, 1996 (or the latest time and date at which the Offer, if extended by the Purchaser, shall expire) and, unless theretofore accepted for payment by the Purchaser pursuant to the Offer, may also be withdrawn at any time after January 24, 1997. For a withdrawal to be effective, a written, telegraphic or facsimile transmission notice of withdrawal must be timely received by the Depositary at one of its addresses set forth on the back cover page of the Offer to Purchase. Any such notice of withdrawal must specify the name of the person who tendered the Shares to be withdrawn, the number of Shares to be withdrawn and the name of the registered holder of such Shares, if different from that of the person who tendered such Sbares. If sbare certificates evidencing Shares to be withdrawn have been delivered or otherwise identified to the Depositary, then, prior to the physical release of such Share certificates, the serial numbers shown on such Share certificates must be submitted to the Depositary and the signature(s) on the notice of withdrawal must be guaranteed by an Eligible Institution (as defined in the Offer to Purchase). unless such Shares have been tendered for the account of an Eligible Institution. If Shares have been tendered pursuant to the procedure for book-entry transfer as set forth in Section 3 of the Offer to Purchase, any notice of withdrawal must. specify the name and number of the account at the Book-Entry Transfer Facility to be credited with the withdrawn Shares. All questions as to the form and validity (including the time of receipt) of any notice of withdrawal will be determined by the Purchaser, in its sole discretion, whose determination will be final and binding.

The information required to be disclosed by Rule 14d-6(e)(1)(vii) of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is contained in the Offer to Purchase and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company has provided the Purchaser with the Company's stockholder list and security position listings for the purpose of disseminating the Offer to holders of Shares. The Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal will be mailed to record holders of Shares whose names appear on the Company's stockholder list and will be furnished to brokers, dealers, commercial banks, trust companies and similar persons whose names, or the names of whose nominees, appear on the stockholder list or, if applicable, who are listed as participants in a clearing agency's security position listing for subsequent transmittal to beneficial owners of Shares.

The Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal contain important information which should be read before any decision is made with respect to the Offer.

Questions and requests for assistance may be directed to the Information Agent or the Dealer Manager at their respective addresses and telephone numbers as set forth below. Additional copies of the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal and other tender offer materials may be obtained from the Information Agent as set forth below. Such copies will be furnished promptly at the Purchaser's expense. No fees or commissions will be paid to brokers, dealers or other persons (other than the Dealer Manager and the Information Agent) for soliciting tenders of Shares pursuant to the Offer.

The Information Agent for the Offer is:



Wall Street Plaza New York, New York 10005 Banks and Brokers Call Collect: (212) 440-9800

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decision would not affect its coal and uranium purchases from South Africa. The stock market closed only 0.82 percent lower at 6,876.41 yester-day after falling sharply at the open on concern over the issue. Securities analysts were not pessimistic. "Many investors knew it (the severing of ties) was coming, and they felt it would not bave a significant effect on the economy," said Yungli Securities analyst Chen Han-chung.

Taiwan has sought to use its economic muscle to counter rival China's efforts to isolate it diplomatically. Beijing bas regarded Taiwan as a renegade province since a civil war split them in 1949 and has threatened to retake the island by force if

# General Motors plans Uranium to build car aimed could at Asian market

(Renter) BANGKOK \_ General Motors Corp's new \$750 million Thai car plant will build a single car targeted exclusively at Asian markets in early 1999, the company's local chief executive said yesterday.

Ron Frizzell, president of General Motors Thailand, said the new car, which has yet to be named, is aimed at the lower middle section of the Asian family car market, competing in the same sector as the Toyota Corolla.

"It will be an all-new model in the lower medium segment of the market. It's a one-model car with three body types," Frizzell said.

"We intend to be competitive with mainstream prices in the segment we will compete in...30 percent of all passenger car sales in Asia are in this lower middle segment," he said.

Frizzell said saloon, batcbback and estate car models from the new Thai facility will span the price range within the lower middle passenger car market. Approximately 80 percent of the expected 100,000 annual output from the new Thai plant will be exported, mainly to Japan and Australia.

Prohibitive import tariffs will severely limit penetration into other Asian markets, Frizzell said.

The plant is scheduled for lowed an i completion in 1998. Features competition of GM's car designed specifi- Philippines.

cally for Asian customers include high specification airconditioning.

GM said tires designed for high speeds and fitted as standard to European models will not be used on this new Car.

The value of Thai content in the new car is expected to be 40-50 percent of the total cost, Frizzeli said.

If demand for the new car proves to be as strong as GM expects, it will expand the factory to bring capacity up to 150,000 vehicles per year, he said.

The company's new Thai plant, being huilt at Rayong on the eastern seaboard, is GM's largest ever single Asian investment, and will employ an estimated 1,550 workers.

German private firm Eisenmann, which bas already engaged by GM at its new Polish and Argentine plants, bas won contracts to install the paint-shop and provide environmental services at the Thai site.

Company officials said tenders to install other facilities at the plant were under evaluation and would be awarded in the first quarter of 1997.

GM's decision in May to locate the factory in Tbailand, which is rapidly becoming the center for South East Asia's auto induatry, followed an intense bidding with the

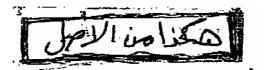
clean up industrial sewage LONDON (Reuter) - Uranium.

not usually known as an environmentally friendly element. could be used to clean up industrial waste, British researchers reported on Wednesday.

Adding uranium to toxic waste can allow for it to he incinerated safely, Graham Hutchings and colleagues at the University of Liverpool said. Such wastes are usually destroyed by heating them to very high temperatures sometimes more than 1,000 degrees C (1,800 degrees F). but this process can create poisonous by-products such as diox-

Using a catalyst to enhance destruction helps, but current catalysts based on precious metals such as platinum break down quickly. Hutchings' group tried out uranium oxide and found it worked well.

"Catalysts based on uranium oxide efficiently destroy a range of hydrocarbon and chlorinecontaining pollutants, and ...these catalysts are resistant to deactivation, they wrole in a study published in the science journal Nature. "We show that benzene, toluene, chlorobutane and colorobenzene can br destroyed at moderale tempera. tures (less than 400 degrees C) and industrially relevant flow rates."





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# Leicester upsets Manchester United

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LONDON (AP) - Scottish international John MeGinlay scored three times as Divisioo One leader Boltoo crushed Premier League Totteoham 6-1 in the League Cup Wednesday night while Leicester ousted mighty Manchester United 2-0.

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closed yesterday for the Thanksgiving

In other fourth round games, Liverpool overpowered Arsenal 4-2 and Middlesbrough ended an cight-game winless run by downing neighbor Newcastle 3-1.

Division Two Stockport gained a 1-1 tie at Premier League West Ham to force a replay.

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Wednesday's results mean that Bolton, Leicester," Liverpool, Middlesbrough and Tuesday's winners Wimbledon and Ipswich are in the last eight. Southampton and Oxford are other teams who

have to replay. Bolton 6, Tottenham 1 McGinlay, who netted Scotland's winner in a 1-0 World Cup vietory over Sweden two weeks ago, scored Bolton's first in the sixth minute before England striker Teddy Sheringham curled home a 20-yard free kick for 1-1. McGinlay's close range shot

restored Bolton's lead and then Northern Ireland defender Gerry Taggart made it 3-1 in the 60th. McGinlay netted his fourth in

the 74th and further goals from Nathan Blake and Scott Taylor completed Spurs' misery.

Leics 2, Man. Utd 0 Manchester United again fielded several young players, especially in defense, to rest hig name players and fell behind seven minutes before half time when Steve Claridge volleyed home after Emile Heskey's back-heel 38th minute.

Heskey made it 2-0 in the 77th minute against a United team which has now lost six of its last seven league and cup games.

Liverpool 4, Arsenal 2 At Anfield, Ian Wright put the Gunners ahead with a 13th minute penalty after eo-striker John Hauson had been floored by Liverpool goalkeeper David James

Steve MeManaman equalized in the 26th minute header from Stig Inge Bjornebye's left-wing cross and then Robbie Fowler shot home a .9th minute penalty after referee Alan Wilkie ruled that Lee



HOLD IT-Arsenal's John Hartson is brought down by Liverpool's goalkeeper David James to concede a penalty during their Coca Cola Cup fourth round match on Wednesday night. Ian Wright scored from the spot, but Liverpool still won easily.

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Fowler made it 3-1 in the 52nd minute, Arsenal defender Steve Bould was sent off for a second yellow card before Wright's second penalty in the 68th cut the lead to one. Czech forward Patrick Berger clinched Liverpool's win in the 72nd minute.

Middlesbrough 3, Newcastle 1 corner for the equalizer. In a high-quality thriller at the Riverside stadium, 'Boro's Scottish international defender Derek Whyte forced the ball home from five yards in the 27th minute after Newcastle failed to elear a corner. David Ginola skimmed the Boro crossbar five minutes before

headed home Keith Gillespie's action save to keep out Ginola's low sbot but then Ravanelli turned, Danish forward Mikkel Beck home Juninho's right wing cross restored 'Boro's ahead in the 61st for the clincher. minute after brilliant creative play BRITISH SOCCER RESULTS:

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LONDON (AP) - Three days Merson will be mixing it with after they were both ousted from David Batty and Peter Beardsley. the League Cup, Newcastle and Arsenal meet Saturday to decide who tops the Premier League.

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One point separates the Magpies from the Gunners and, with third place Liverpool not in action until Monday, both know that one or the other will be top come tomorrow night.

Newcastle lost 3-1 at neighbor Middlesbrough in Wednesday's League Cup game, while Arsenal suffered a 4-2 loss at Liverpool. The one positive outcome of

those defeats is that the teams now will concentrate harder on the other competitions.

Twenty five per cent of our chances of winning something this season have gone but we've still got plenty left to fight for," said Newcastle manager Kevin Keegan. His team also has a great chance

of reaching the last eight of the UEFA Cup and has the Football Association Cup to look forward to in January.

"We will have to look for another route now but we've still got three chances to win something." Keegan said.

For Arsenal, make that two. The Gunners were unexpectedly ousted early from the UEFA Cup back in September and now only have the Premier League and the F.A. Cup to come.

Although Keegan still has England striker Les Ferdinand sidelined with a fractured cheekbone, he and Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger hope to field all their other stars in the game at Newcastle's St. James' Park. Wenger had to withdraw Dennis

Bergkamp from his starting line-up against Liverpool as the Dutchman aggravated a thigh strain in the warm-up. But Bergkamp should be back against the Magpies alongside free-scoring lan Wright to face a Newcastle defense which has talented Belgian Philippe Albert at its heart.

A tough Arsenal rearguard that includes England internationals Lee Dixon, Tony Adams, Martin Keown and Nigel Winterburn and is backed by goalkeeper David Seaman, will face up to England captain Alan Shearer, French forward David Ginola and mercurial Colombian Faustino Asprilla.

In midfield, Arsenal's Patrick Vieira, David Platt and Paul

Tomorrow's game has all the ingredients to make it a high-powered thriller. But a tie will give Liverpool the chance to leapfrog both on Monday by winning at a Tottenham team stunned by Wednesday's 6-1 loss to division one Bolton in the League Cup.

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Leicester City hopes for a repeat of its League Cop beating of Manchester United although it is likely to meet a transformed Reds

lineup. The Foxes scored a 2-0 victory to oust Alex Ferguson's team from the League Cup Wednesday, But Ferguson fielded eight of his reserve players to rest his stars and Leicester almost certainly will face the return of Peter Schmeichel, Eric Cantona, Ryan Giggs, Nicky Butt, Gary Neville, David Beckham and Ronnie Johnsen. Fourth place Wimbledon, on the

back of a 16-game unbeaten run and also in the last eight of the League Cup after eliminating defending titlist Aston Villa Tuesday, can stay in touch with the leaders by winning at home to last place Nottingham Forest.

After losing its first three games without scoring a goal, the Dons have been unbeaten aince Aogust. Cootrast that with Forest, thirdplace finisher in the league 18 months ago which hasn't won this season since beating Coventry 3-0

on the opening day. Sixth place Chelsea, which has five points to make up on Newcastle, visits a Leeds team still trying to turn its slide around under new manager George Graham.

Last weekend, Leeds won 2-0 at Southampton and Graham'a team will need that same steely determination to hold a Chelsea lineup likely to include Italian stars Gianfranco Zola, Gianluca Vialli and Roberto Di Matteo with coacb Ruud Gullit on the bench.

Middlesbrough's victory over Newcastle Wednesday was its first in nine games and will be a boost going into a tough game at eighth place Aston Villa.

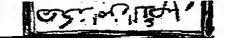
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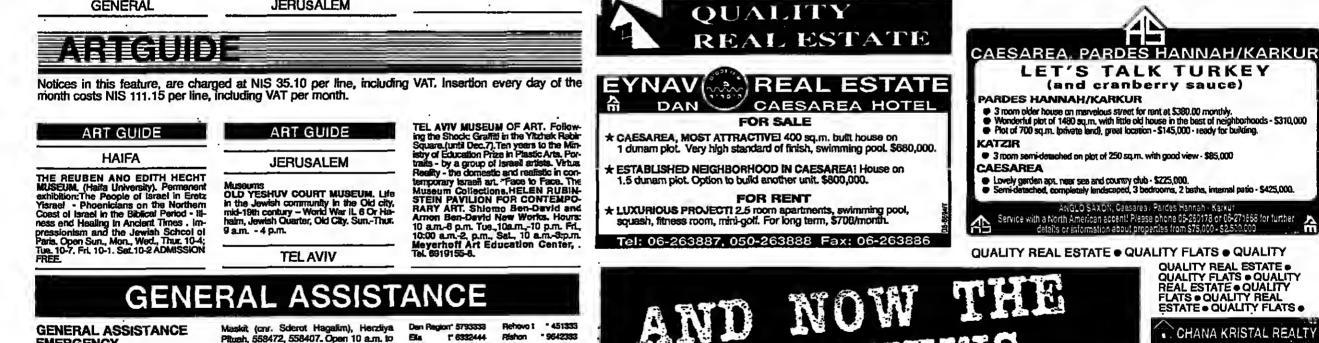
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# SPORTS

# Hap. TA's troubles add interest to derby with Maccabi

## **ORI LEWIS**

THE Tel Avit derby will be played tomorrow in the shadow of the deepening trisis at Hapoel Tel Aviv and the conflict between some of the fans, the management and manager Moshe Sinai.

Sinai's head is on the chopping block after a string of terrible results which has been caused by a combination of reasons, most notably poor financial management of the club, which is said to be in debts of as much as NIS 11 million. Some of the less friendly ele-

ments in the club planted a dummy bomb outside Bloomfield carlier this week and again yesterday as the players convened for a training session. Also yesterday, Sinai was himself the subject of death threats and a bomb scare at his home at Ramat Hasharoo.

Efforts are being made to sell the club to private investors, but one of the stumbling blocks is Sinai himself, who has a contract to manage the club until the end of the millenium which is said to be worth NIS 2.5 million. At fourth from bottom and with

things looking worse than ever, not even Maccabi's injury worries to central defender Gadi Brumer appear to give the reds a glimmer of hope of winning the tussle, which will nevertheless see emotions run high as they do in any big derby match.

satellite final League leaders Betar Jerusalem, in prime form at the moment, will want to celebrate the recall of Eli Ohana to the national team in front. of their home fans with another win, and there is no reason why

they should oot do so over Hapoel Kfar Sava Betar's other star, striker Ronnen Harazi, now looks certain to join Sunderland after agreeing his financial terms with the English club yesterday. Hapoel Taiba will host second-

placed Hapoel Petah Tikva at their new home away from home in Umm el-Fahm in a match which should provide much action, as both sides will be desperate for points, but for very different reasons, will be going all out for a win.

This weekend's National League fixtures (all matches kick off tomor-row at 14:30 unless stated other-

wise): Maccabl Petah Tikva v. Zafririm Holon, Petah Tikva; Hapoel Haifa v. Hapoel Beit She'an, Kiryat Eliezer 15:00; Hapoel Beersheba v. Ironi Rishon Lezion, Beersheba; Maccabi Rishon Lezion, Beersheba; Maccabi Herzliya v. Hapoel Jerusalem, Herzliya today 14:30; Maccabi Tel Aviv v. Hapoel Tel Aviv, National Stadium 17:45 (televised match on Channel 2); Betar Jerusalem v. Hapoel Kfar Sava, Teddy Stadium 16:00; Buei Yehuda v. Maccabi Haifa Hatilow Onarter: Hancal Haifa, Hatikva Quarter; Hapoel Taiba v. Hapoel Petab Tikva, Umm

**Chiefs tame Lions in Detroit** 

Marcus Allen sets NFL rushing

touchdown record in 28-24 win

**HEATHER CHAIT** RAVIV Weidenfeld will play Eyal Erlich in today's final of the Masters event in Beersheva, a climatic end to decide the best player of the four-week satel-

Weidenfeld,

Erlich square

off today in

Masters.

Each of these players won one stage of the tournament and both will be hungry to collect the ten bonus points awarded to today's vinner.

Yesterday top seed Weidenfeld outlasted Ofer Sela, playing in fine form, in a match that continued three bours. Weidenfeld eventually won 3-

7-6(8/6), 6-2 but oot before Sela wasted two matchpoints in the second set. Second seed Eyal Erlich spent

much less energy against Mehdi Tahiri from Morocco, winning 6-0.6-4 The Moroccan attempted a

fight in the second set but Erlich surged ahead at 4-4. Harel Levy and Noam Okun

won their secood successive doubles title of the satellite, beating Weidenfeld and Jim Thomas from America 7-6(7/2), 6-0. Today's singles final begins at 2:30pm.

British soccer coverage on Page 17

# The Sun finally rises for Phoenix

asi willey.

'Perfect record' ends with home win over New Jersey

PHOENIX (AP) - Wesley Persoo scored a season-high 22 points, Michael Finley added 13 and Kevin Johnson had 17 poiots and eight assists on Wednesday night as the Suns beat the New Jersey Nets 99-77 for their first win of this season after 13 straight losses. Kendall Gill had 18 points for the Nets, who came into the game as the NBA's worst-shooting team (40 percent) and didn't reach that level.

The victory was the first for coach Danny Ainge, who took over when Cottoo Fitzsimmons stepped aside after the eighth loss. Phoenix was desperate to avoid matching the NBA record for a season-opening losing streak, 17 straight by the Miami Heat in 1988.

Cettics 110, Lakers 94 Antoine Walker and Dino Radja scored 19 points each and host Boston kept the ball from Shaquille O'Neal in the fourth quarter as they beat Los

Los Angeles scored eight straight points to close an 11-point deficit to 96-93 with 2:49 left, but Boston reclaimed control as Dana Barros' 3pointer began a 14-1 game-ending rally.

Los Angeles, playing its sixth game in mine days, was led by O'Neal with 22 points and 10 rebounds and Eddie Jones with 19 points. O'Neal managed just one point in the final period and was scoreless in the last eight minutes. Magic 79, Hawks 75

Nick Anderson, shut down offen-sively for 45 minutes, made three 3pointers in the final 2:40 as host Orlando overcame poor shooting to beat Atlanta

Rony Seikaly grabbed two of his 19 rebounds and made 3 of 4 free throws in the last 17.9 seconds to help the Magic hold off the Hawks, who missed 15 of 19 shots while scoring just 12 points in the fourth quarter. Seikaly finished with 16 points and Darrell Armstrong and Anderson scored 14 apiece for the Magic, who shot 39 percent from the field. Dikembe Mutombo scored 20

Raptors 92, Hornets 88

Popeye Jones grabbed a club-record 18 rebounds and made two key free throws with 23 seconds to play as host Toronto ended a six-game losing streak. The loss ended a four-game winning streak for the Hornets, including a tome victory over Seattle on Tuesday that ended the Sonics' winning streak at 11 games.

second half.

Lindsey Hunter made four 3-point-ers in the first five minutes and scored 24 points to head bost Detroit over the

Hunter also scored six points, as did Terry Mills, in a 14-0 run that broke the game open in the fourth quarter. Otis Thorpe added 17 points and 14 rebounds and Grant Hill had 15 points, eight assists and six rebounds for Detroit.

BACK OFF - Boston's forward Eric Williams is defended closely by Shaquille O'Neal in first quarter action in Boston on Wednesday night.

Kenny Anderson scored 25 points, Arvydas Sabonis added 23 and visit-

which had its three-game winning sucak supped. Trail Blazers 120, Spurs 109 feated at home.

Backs 92, Cavaliers 75

scored 22 points each and host Milwaukee broke its 10-game losing streak to Cleveland. The victory was the Backs' first over the C2vs since Dec. 30, 1993: The Bucks didn't trail after the opening minute and led 74-63 entering closer than nine points in the final 12

Tyrone Hill had 16 points and Terrell Brandon 13 for Cleveland, EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

**Central Division** 

Mike Ridley and Alexander Mogihy scored two goals each and Corey Hirsch made 41 saves for visit-

Donald Brashear and Ridley scored

in a span of 3:08 midway through the

second period to give Vincouver a 2-1 lead. Ridley added an insurance goal in the third period when Moginy scored both his goals for the

Canucks, 4-1-0 in their last five

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but the Jazz outscored them 71-33 over the last two quarters to win their

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eighth straight game. Bryant Suth led the Nuggets with 31 points, shooting 7-of-9 on 3-pointers. Date Ellis added 25 points, but he had only four in the second half, Heat 98, Clippers 82

Dan Majerle scored a season-high 26 points and Alonzo Mourning added 19 on 9-of-10 shooting as Minimi finished 6-fl'on its road trip."

The outcome was determined early on a 21-2 run that gave Miami a 33-8 advantage late in the first period. Los Angeles never got closer than 12 the

Tim Hardway added 18 points for the Hear. Substitute guard Darrick Martin had a season-high 18 for the Jeff Hornacek scored 29 points, WESTERN CONFERENCE Midwest Division L 1 2 8 10 9 12 13 Pct GB PCt GB 929 -833 2 385 715 333 812 306 812 143 11 133 1152 Utah 1055422 Minnesota Deenver Dallas San Antonio Vancouver Pacific Div 13 9 9 .813 .625 .600 .429 .357 .231 .071 314 67 3668910 L.A. Lakers Pontiand L.A. Clippers 65 5 11 Sacramento Golden State

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PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) - Marcus Allen set an NFL drive for the elincher. After a 7-yard ron by Hill gave touchdown record, Rich Gannon ended the Kansas City quarterback controversy and the Chiefs made the Wayne Watch academie in Detroit. Allen rashed for two TDs, including the go-ahead

score with 46 seconds remaining, sending the Chiefs to a 28-24 victory yesterday and ending the Lions' playoff hopes.

Detroit (5-8) needed another miracle finish to take the heat off embattled coach Wayne Fontes. Instead, the Lions have lost six of their last seven, after starting the seasoo with a 4-2 record.

Allen now has 112 rushing touchdowns, bettering the old mark of 110 he had shared with Walter, Payton, Jerry Rice has the record of total TDs."

This couldn't have come on a more appropriate day," Allen said. "I'm just thankful for the guys who did their job."

But it was Gannon, named the starter ahead of Steve Bono earlier in the week, who jump-started the offense for the Chiefs (9-4). Gannon, who was given the job because of his mobility, scrambled for 45 of Kansas City's 243 roshing yards. "It's been real emotional," Gannon said. "It's been real tough oo Steve." A 21-yard field goal by Jason Hanson gave Detroit a 24-21 lead with 5:41 left in the fourth quarter. But it was all Kansas City after that. Gannon, who completed 15-of-18 passes for 120 yards and two touchdowns, without an interception, set the tone for the Chiefs' winning drive with a 16yard scramble on the first play. Then he began handing the ball off to Greg Hill who ripped the Lions' defense behind solid blocking from the offensive

Kansas City first-and-goal at the 2, Allen returned to the backfield. Allen, who finished with 73 yards on 15 carries, was stopped a yard short oo his first carry, then soared over the top in a classic dive for the winning touchdown.

Allen got No. 111 at 11:11 of the first quarter. He helped set the record-breaking score up with a 35yard run earlier in the nine-play, 91-yard drive, fol-lowed a lead block by fullback Tony Richardson into the end zone.

As he headed to the sidelines, getting hugs and pats from teammates, Allen raised his right fist over his head

The touchdown dropped Jam Brown to third on the all-time list with 106 roshing TDs. Brown is followed by Emmitt Smith with 105 and John Riggins with 103. Smith is the only one still active in the NFL.

Scott Mitchell, who completed 18-of-29 for 247 yards, with two interceptions, tossed a 16-yard TD pass to Johnnie Morton and Mike Wells fell on a Kansas City fumble in the end zone to give Detroit a points, grabbed 14 rebounds and blocked four shots for Atlanta.

Gien Rice led the Hornets with 29 points, but he shot only 3-of-11 in the

Pistons 87, Grizzlies 78 shorthanded Grizzlies.

loss this season, dropping Minnesota to 4-1 at the Target Center and leaving the Chicago Bulls the only team undedefeated Seattle has Timberwolves 22 straight times.

ing Portland went 13-of-14 from the Vin Baker and Glenn Robinson the fourth quarter. Cleveland got no Sours.

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foul line in the final 90 seconds to beat San Antonio,

Portland won its fifth game in the last six, bouncing back from a 102-101 overime loss Tuesday night at Housten, -The Blazers used their huge size advantage, led by the 7-foot-3 (2.21-meter), 292-pound (131-kilogram) Sabonis, to hold back the scrappy

Dominique Wilkins led the Spurs rest of the way. with a season-high 33 points. Jazz 107, Nuggets 103

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Hill, who had 103 yards on 17 carries, ran seven times for 29 yards during the Chiefs' 76-yard, 15-play

14-7 lead in the second quarter. A 17-yard TD toss from Gannon to Chris Penn

pulled the Chiefs into a 14-14 tie at halftime. Barry Sanders, who had 77 of Detroit 81 rushing yards on 20 carries, scored on a classic 13-yard run in

the third quarter. Gannon hit Derrick Walker with a 9-yard scoring pass to tie it 21-21 with 10:54 left in the fourth quarter. The Chiefs, who have won four of their last five games, now have defeated all four NFC Central teams they have played this season. Earlier, they knocked off Minnesota, Green Bay and Chicago.

YESTERDAY'S NEL RESULTS: Kansas City 28, Detroit 24 Washington at Dallas (n.)

India in danger of follow-on after

collapse on Test's second day

statiers Bryant Reeves and Blue Edwards, was led by Greg Anthony's

24 points. SuperSonics 106, Timber wolves 98 Detlef Schrompf and Hersey Hawkins tied season-highs with 27 and 24 points, respectively, and visit-ing Seanle withstood five 3-pointers in Baston New Jersey the fourth quarter by Shane Heal to defeat Minnesota. Gery Payton added 22 points and 12 assists and Shawn Kemp had 19 points and 14 rebounds for the SuperSonics. Chicago Detroit Cieveland Milwaukee Chariotte

who had their 11-game winning streak Atlenta Toronto Indiana snapped Tuesday night. It was the Timberwolves' first home

# Shanahan's hat trick leads Red Wings to victory Canocks 6, Whaters 2

DETROIT (AP) - Breodan Shanahan scored his 300th goal while completing his eighth career hat trick, leading the Detroit Red Wings to a 5-2 victory over the Torooto Maple Leafs oo Wednesday night.

Shanahan, who has 14 points in his last six games, also had an assist. He scored twice in the first period and once in the second for his first hat trick since the Red Wings obtained him in an earlyseason trade with Hartford.

McCarty also scored for Detroit, which was playing at home for the first time since going 2-J-1 on a four-game west coast trip. Jamie Baker and Wendel Clark scored for the Maple Leafs, who have lost their last seven road games and are 2-9-0 on the road this season.

Jaromir Jagr scored shorthanded on a breakaway midway through the third period to help host Pittsburgh Penguins tie Montreal.

scored Pinsburgh's other goal while Brian Savage scored for Montreal, both in the first period. The Canadiens' three-game winning streak ended while the Penguins failed in their stiempt in win consecutive

games for the second time this season. The Penguins are 1-6-1 against the Canadiens in their last eight meetings.

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two losses. Kenny Jousson and Zigmund Palify also scored for the Islanders, who have beaten the Flyers in all three meetings Flyers. Vancouver 6, Bartford 2

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36-point comeback, and Karl Malone added 31 points and 17 rebounds as host Utah defeated Denver. The Nuggets led 70-36 at halftime.

WEDNESDAY'S NBA RESULTS

Toronto 92, Charlotte 88

Detroit 87, Vancouver 78 Orlando 79, Atlanta 75

Utah 107, Denver 103

Boston 110, L.A. Lakers 94 Seattle 106, Minnesota 98

Phoenix 99, New Jersey 77 Miami 98, L.A. Clippers 82

Milwankee 92, Cleveland 75 Portland 120, San Antonio 109

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Jerusalem's runners leave for Cyprus Eleven runners from the long distance running elub 'Ha'Solelim Jerusalem,' left for Cyprus yesterday to compete in the 3rd Cyprus Aphrodite Half Marathon on Sunday. Five hundred runners are expected at the starting line, among

them Lebanese entrants and also the two-time Olympic gold medal winner from Germany, Waldemar Cierpinski. Heather Chait

Raptors' Camby out a week with back strain Marcus Camby has a strained lower back, and the Toronto Raptors rookie is expected to be sidelined a week.

When Camby fell to the SkyDome court on Tuesday, his legs numb and unable to move, coach Darrell Walker thought something had gone wrong with the 22-year-old rookie's heart.

Camby was working on a simple drop-step move during a pregame warmups when he fell. After spending nearly a half hour on the court, he was taken to a Toronto hospital by ambulance. His neck was stabilized with a cervical collar and he was strapped to a

stretcher. Camby has been beset hy physical problems. At the Raptors' training camp in October, he sprained his left ankle and missed about a week of workouts. Then, in the final exhibition game, he sprained his other ankle.

### Tracy Ham retires from CFL

Tracy Ham, the Montreal Alouettes' scrambling quarterback who played 10 years for four teams in the CFL, has retired.

"I'm leaving because I've done about everything I could do in the CFL," Ham said yesterday.

Ham has been hired as quarterbacks and receivers coach at Georgia Southern, the school he led to two straight NCAA Division

1-AA titles during the mid-1980s. Ham, 32, ended his career as the CFL's all-time rushing leader among quarterbacks with 6,870 yards. He threw for 32,422 yards, fifth-best in the league.

Ham's career also included two Grey Cop wins, four

championship-game appearances and one outstanding player award. He said he retired for several reasons." I don't think one area influ-

enced me the most," he said. "It's something that I discussed at length with my wife and we both agreed this would be for the best." AP

Rain postpones speed record attempt A British team seeking to break the world's land speed record ostponed its attempt until next year because of bad weather onditions in Jordan.

Floods caused by torrential rain earlier this week had damaged a esert track, where a jet-powered car was to make the attempt. andrew Noble, an organizer of the event, said yesterday.

"Sadly, the whole southern desert is a swamp which will take a ong time to dry up," he said. "We have no choice except to pack and leave." AP

ger of having to follow on after an eventful second day in the second Test al Eden Gardens on Thursday. With two other Indian wickets falling to run outs and Mohammad Azharuddin having to retire hurt, the home country sumbled to 152 for six at the close in reply to South Africa's first innings of 428. India, who lead the three-test ... series 1-0, had started the day on a high note by seizing the touring team's last eight wickets for 89 after they resumed at 339 for two. Paceman Venkatesh Prasad produced his best performance in Tests to finish with six for 104. India's batsmen made a deceptively good start with Nayan

CALCUTTA (Reuter) - South

African pace pair Allan Donald and Brian McMillan shared four

wickets as India were left in dan-

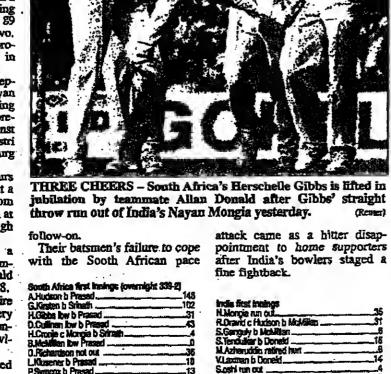
Mongia and Rahul Dravid scoring freely to equal their country's previous best opening stand against South Africa of 68 by Ravi Shastri and Ajay Jadeja at Johannesburg in the 1992-93. But Dravid, having hit six fours

in his 31, needlessly tried to cut a wide and high delivery from McMillan, and Andrew Hudson at second slip held a good head-high catch.

The loss of Dravid started a slump in which six wickets turnbled for 51, including Donald bowling Sachin Tendulkar for 18. Azharuddin was forced to retire hart after he was hit by a delivery from McMillan as India were confronted by some fiery fast bowl-

Their collapse was stemmed towards the end of the day by an unbroken seventh wicket stand of 33 between Javagal Srinath (9 not out) and Anil Kumble, unbeaten wich 24.

ludia will begin the third day needing a further 77 to avoid the



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#### Kevin Dincen and Geoff Sanderson scored for Hartford, which is 0-2-1 in its last tinee. Islanders 4, Flyers 1 Martin Lapointe and Darren Marty McInnis scored twice and Tommy Salo stopped 29 shots as host New York beat Philadelphia, the Flyers' second straight loss since the return of captain Eric Lindros.

In Lindros' first two games since returning from a groin injury, the Flyers have been outscored 6-1 in their **Canadiens 2**; Penguins 2

Marc Bureau had put Montreal

ahead 2-1 with a power-play goal at 8:18 of the second period. Per Netved

this season. Joel Ono scored for the WEDNESDAY'S NHL RESULTS:

# **Brother: Police** fabricated story to nab cameraman

### BILL HUTMAN

POLICE fabricated a story to justify beating up and arresting the Palestinian amateur photographer whose video footage of border policemen abusing Palestinian workers made headlines last week, the photographer's brother charged yesterday.

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"Border policemen were driving by our store every day threatening to take revenge on Azzam," said photographer Azzam Maraka's brother, Hussam. Azzam had complained to the Justice Ministry's Police Investigations Division about the threats he received, Hussam said.

On Wednesday, Azzam Maraka was arrested outside his store on trying to force his brother to close an illegal sidewalk vending stand.

the brother police were referring to, only he has never worked as a street vendor. He said he left the family's jewelry and money changing store "to get a breath of fresh air," and was attacked by inspectors and police.

me, and afterward all the policemen came and also jumped on me," Hussam said. He said the policeman called into the store to Azzam, "Look, we've got your brother," and Azzam came out to help him.

men, border policemen, and city inspectors in the area at the time, as the authorities were clearing Sultan Suleiman and Salah A-Din streets, the heart of the Arab business district, from illegal vendors and taxis.

problem and wears a brace, said be was lightly injured and had to be hospitalized for several hours.

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Hussam, who has chronic back



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# Judge orders Sharon to testify in libel suit

A TEL AVIV District Court judge rejected a request yesterday by Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon that he not bave to be questioned on the witness stand by the defense attorney in his libel suit agaiost a journalist.

The attorney representing jour-nalist Uzi Benziman asked to question Sharon about an affidavit he made in which he claimed that the government knew about the plans for Operation Peace for Galilee, based on a transcript of a speech Sharon gave at Tel Aviv University.

Sharon filed a libel suit against Benziman for writing that Sharon had lied to late prime minister Menachem Begin about his plan to reach Beirur, and that Begin had spoken the truth when be said the IDF would hold a limited operation.

Benziman yesterday submitted an affidavit to the court in which he said that his article was based on conversations he held with people who were the closest to Begin.

